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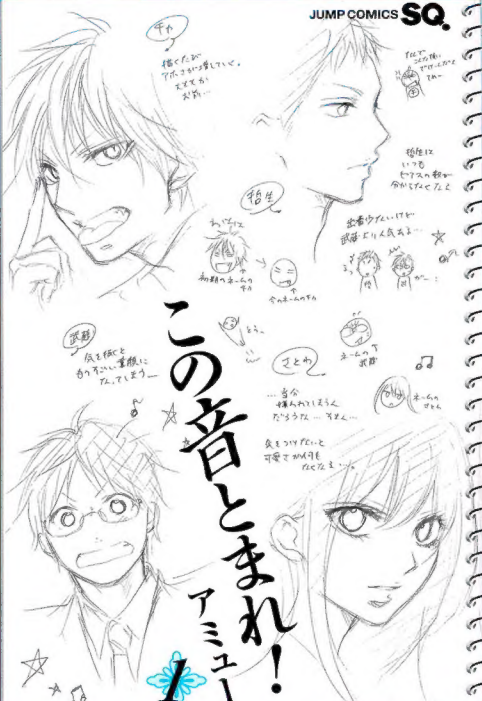

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THAT PLACE
WE MET, WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS, AND MET AGAIN.
新連載『一弦定音！』巻頭彩頁70P
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
THIS WAS THE HAPPIEST YEAR EVER.
GOOD-BYE, TAKE-ZOU.
YEAH IT WAS!
DON'T CRY ANY-MORE!
ABOUT THE CLUB ...
COULD YOU...
WHAT IT MEANS TO ME...

#1 新入部員

この音とまれ！

THIS IS HORRIBLE
WHO COULD DO SOME-THING SO CRUEL.
AND THE GRANDSON WAS THE ONE WHO DID IT?
ACCORDING TO THE TESTI-MONY FROM AN EYEWITNESS THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE
INDEED IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MONEY THE CLOSEST CHILD TO HIM TOO
HE'S OVER THERE! THAT GUY!
GET HIM!!!

APRIL
FRESHMEN, PLEASE GO BACK TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CLASSROOMS
AND THIS CONCLUDES THE 63RD SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY
I SHALL END MY SPEECH HERE
入学式
SIGN WELCOME!!! KOTO CLUB
歓迎!!!
箏曲部
★新入
I'VE PUT IT UP.
ALRIGHT.

AH!

S-

SORRY!

WA

A

A H!

AND THEN WHAT?

NEXT IS THE GROUND FLOOR CORRI-DOR

DID I STEP ON ANY-THING?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

HE'S "NADE-SHIKO*" ANYWAY

OH YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT

*T/N. YAMATO NADESHIKO IS A TERM FOR "THE IDEAL JAPANESE WOMAN" — PURE, TYPICALLY SHY AND OBEDIENT.

!!

HE'S STILL IN IT?

I THOUGHT IT ALREADY DISBANDED

箏曲部

新入部員募集!!

OH, IT'S THAT GUY NO WONDER WHO WOULD HAVE EVEN THOUGHT THE KOTO CLUB WOULD HAVE ONE MEMBER?

IS THAT A RECRUITMENT FLYER FOR THE KOTO CLUB?

IS THAT SO?
THE CLUB WILL BE DISBANDED IF I CAN'T GET AT LEAST ONE STUDENT TO JOIN
THE SENIORS GRADUATED SO I'M THE ONLY PERSON LEFT IN THE CLUB NOW
UM WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
WHAT AN EARNEST PERSON YOU ARE, KURATA KUN
PRINCI-PAL!
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT IT TO DISAPPEAR EITHER
DO YOUR BEST!
ACTU-ALLY,
AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE WAS THE ONE WHO FOUNDED THE SCHOOL KOTO CLUB
IT'S A NOSTALGIC PLACE FOR ME
!!!
IT WOULD BE NICE IF ONE GOOD KID WERE TO JOIN!
TH-T H-
THANK YOU, PRINCIPAL!
AT THE SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY, I COULD FEEL THE YOUTH-FUL VITALITY EMANATING FROM THE NEW STU-DENTS

THIS CLASS IS DONE FOR TODAY
TOMOE RUN
A NEW CLUB MEMBER
SO UH ABOUT THAT
DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?
YEAH, IS IT TRUE OR NOT? STOP KIDDING AROUND
WHY WOULD THAT GUY KUDOU BE IN THIS SCHOOL ANYWAY?
KUDOU? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE GUY OVER THERE LEFT OF CENTER?
THAT GUY WAS CHARGED WITH A CRIME LAST YEAR
AND WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS? OH, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL

SIGN: KOTO CLUB

I THINK
I THINK YOU GUYS SHOULD LEAVE NOW...!
THERE MIGHT BE FRESHMEN COMING TO CHECK THE CLUB OUT ..
AH
LOOK WHO WE HAVE HERE IT'S NADE-SHIKO!
AND WANTS TO INTRUDE
CAN YOU SAY THAT AGAIN? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU
THIS PLACE IS FOR THE GOTO CLUB
NOT FOR YOU GUYS

!
OH, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THIS THING?
AND WITH THE CLUB LOOKING LIKE THIS
!!!
DON'T TOUCH THE INSTRUMENTS!
"HEY, EVERYONE! LET'S PLAY THE KOTO TOGETHER!"
OH MAN, I FEEL LIKE CRYING!
SO WE WRECKED THE CLUB ACTIVITY ROOM
DO YOU THINK THE TEACHERS WOULD EVEN NOTICE?
WHAT?
YOU GOT KNOCKED DOWN ONCE AND YOU CAN'T GET UP ANY MORE?
WHO WOULD EVEN LISTEN TO YOU IF YOU'RE THIS LAME?
LOOK!
HE EVEN MADE RECRUITMENT FLYERS!
WHETHER THE CLUB IS AROUND OR NOT, DO YOU THINK PEOPLE EVEN NOTICE?
AND I CAN SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOU.

"TAKEZOU!"
IT'S ABOUT TO DIS-BAND ANYWAY
I'M CLOSE TO GIVING UP
SO WHY NOT JUST GIVE THE PLACE TO US! WE'LL USE IT WELL!
NO, I WON'T.
WHAT
I'M- I'M NOT GOING TO LET THE KOTO CLUB DISBAND!
SO... I'VE ALREADY PROMISED SENPAI
OH YEAH?
!!?
WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT IT SOUNDS PRETTY IMPRES-SIVE
WH- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HOW ABOUT I MAKE YOU GIVE UP THEN?
I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT YOU CAN'T PLAY ANY-MORE!
STOP!

HA

HEY

HAPPENING HERE?!?!

ズオオオ
!!?
THAT GUY'S KUDOU!
HEY HEY! STOP THAT!
YOU'VE GOT SOME BALLS FOR A FRESHMAN!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
WHOA THAT GUY LOOKS SCARY...
!!!
IT'S YOU.

AH...
KU-KUDOU... I REMEMBER THAT NAME.
HE'S THE GUY THAT GOT INVOLVED IN A CRIMINAL CASE LAST YEAR!
ALL OF YOU DON'T BLOCK MY WAY.
GET THE HELL OUT!
"MY WAY"?!
DON'T! LET'S JUST GET OUT OF HERE!
GET THE HELL OUT!
THIS IS CRAZY!
YO.
Y-YES YES?!
UH.
I HAVE BUSINESS THERE!
GET OUT!

CHIKA!
DO YOU WANT ME TO THROW YOU OUT OF HERE TOO?!
HEY, STOP TALKING NON-SENSE.
W-WELL, YOU SAID YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE AND THIS IS
EEK!
ARE YOU STUPID?!
I'M NOT FIGHTING
GLASSES BOY OVER HERE WAS GETTING BEATEN UP SO I JUST HELPED HIM
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
EH?!?
IS THAT SO?!
Wasn't that just to get people out of your way?
YOU'RE ALREADY UP TO THIS AGAIN? SCHOOL JUST STARTED
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WOULDN'T BE FIGHTING ANYMORE?
TETSUO
DON'T MAKE TROUBLE OVER NOTHING
STOP MESSING AROUND! ISN'T IT A GORGEOUS SENPAI?!
YOU ARE?!
Y-YES
WA... WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL FOR HIM?!
SO IT'S TRUE THEN?
?
THAT SENPAI SHE'S
OH-
OH, I'M THE HEAD OF THE KOTO CLUB

TCH.
WELL, NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT, I GUESS
HERE
EH?
HEY WAIT, THAT'S THE CLUB ROOM!
YEAH I KNOW!
I
AM GOING TO JOIN THE KOTO CLUB.
Club application
1-F
Kudou Chika

HUH?
Club Applicati
1-F
Kudou Chik
YOU KNOW WHAT
THIS PLACE IS A GODDAMN MESS!
WHAT?
HEY YOU!
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING WITH THIS CLUB ACTIVITY ROOM?! WHY DON'T YOU TRY SWEEPING THE FLOOR ONCE IN A WHILE?! DAMN!
UGH! DAMN
THIS IS THE KOTO CLUB
STARTING TODAY, I'LL BE THE HEAD OF THE CLUB!
AH WELL.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO HEAD A CLUB
HUH?
I SWEEP THE FLOOR EVERY DAY
HUH?!
OH
NOW GO WIPE THE FLOOR OVER THERE
WHAT

JOINING THE CLUB?
CLUB LEADER?
WHAT'S THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT?

I...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GOAL REALLY IS IN COMING HERE.
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY!

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE! EVEN A GUY WHO JUST STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL HERE LOOKS DOWN ON ME!
DOES THAT GUY TAKE ME FOR AN IDIOT? CLUB APPLICATION FORM?
GET OUT OF HERE!
NOT A MEETING PLACE FOR YOU PUNKS!
THIS IS THE KOTO CLUB ACTIVITY ROOM!
WAA AA?!
"YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEAD A CLUB."
DAMN ...
DAMN HIM.

SLOWLY
WELL, THAT GUY IS INVOLVED IN A CRIMINAL CASE
AH THAT PUNK
no surprise he'd act like that

STOP THAT.
ガシッ
SAY WHAT...
YOU CAN'T SAY THIS WAS UNEXPECTED
WAIT PATIENTLY
BYE~
YOUR EXISTENCE IS ALREADY A MISTAKE
WHY?!
DID YOU SEE WHAT THAT IDIOT DID?!
WHAT MISTAKE DID I MAKE?!
DAMN
DAMN YOU ALL...
OH, LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE!
WH-

THE DOOR SIGN?!
NO WAY! THAT CAN'T BE!
Your door sign is in my hands.
Idiot.
Dumbass.
Four-eyes.
-Kudou Chika
WHAT IS THIS ?!
THAT GUY...
IS HE A LITTLE KID?!
WHY..
I NEED TO GET IT BACK..
THAT DOOR SIGN WAS PASSED ON ALL THE WAY TO SENPAI
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
WHY DO THESE THINGS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO THE KOTO CLUB?!
MOM, DID BROTHER JUST GET BACK? IT'S PRETTY LATE
YEAH, HE SAID SOME THING ABOUT A CLUB ACTIVITY
I HONESTLY DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT GUY ANYMORE!
BUT
"IF YOU WANT IT BACK, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE ME YOUR LIFE AND THE ACTIVITY ROOM IN EXCHANGE."

BE-
CAUSE
..
HEY,
STOP SAYING THAT!
CLUB ACTIVITY? IS THAT CLUB THE "KOTO CLUB"? WOW, THAT'S STILL AROUND?
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST GOING THROUGH A PHASE BECAUSE HE FAILED THE UNIVERSITY EXAM..
BUT..
I REALLY HATED MYSELF AT THAT T ME.
BEING THAT DEPRESSED
"NEXT UP IS A PERFORMANCE FROM THE KOTO CLUB!"
"BUT HE COULD HAVE EASILY DONE WELL ON THE EXAM!"
"AH YES IT SEEMS LIKE ON THE DAY OF THE EXAM, HE SUDDENLY HAD STOMACH PROBLEMS"
"EH?! TAKEZOU-KUN FAILED THE EXAM?!"
"OLDER BROTHER ALWAYS MESSES UP DURING CRITICAL MOMENTS ANYWAY"
KOTO
..
HOW DO I PUT THIS
THEY SOUND SO LIFELESS AND CRAPPY
I know that and I don't even know anything about koto
EH? WHAT HAPPENED?
LOOKS LIKE THE STRING BROKE
WAH. I FEEL BAD FOR THEM.
..
WHILE I LOOKED AT THE KOTO CLUB
I FELT LIKE I WAS LOOKING AT MYSELF

I'M SURE THEY'RE HUMILIATED RIGHT NOW AND FEEL LIKE RUNNING AWAY FROM THE STAGE...
EXCUSE ME.
NO NO, I WAS JUST
YES!
YOU'RE APPLYING TO JOIN THE CLUB, AREN'T YOU?!
がしっ

"THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!"

BUT...

"EH? YOU WANT TO TEACH ME A SONG?"

NOW? BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO GRADUATE

"TAKEZOU!"

I WASN'T EVEN THINKING WHEN I SAID THAT...

YES, I AM.

IT DOESN'T HAVE A NAME

IT DOESN'T HAVE A SCORE EITHER

THIS SONG HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERA-TIONS

YEAH, IT'S BE-CAUSE OF THAT

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER WITH EVERY SINGLE NOTE AND THAT'S WHY THIS SONG IS ALWAYS PASSED DOWN...

THE SENIORS ALWAYS TAUGHT THIS TO THEIR JUNIORS.

EVER SINCE THIS CLUB BEGAN,

I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THE BEST SENPAI
BUT IT'S ALL GOOD.
THE JUNIOR WHO DESERVES TO BE TAUGHT THIS SONG IS HERE
I'M GLAD...
I'M REALLY GLAD TAKEZOU IS HERE...
ギュッ
NOW ...
HURRY
I WANT YOU TO RETURN THE DOOR SIGN!

NO.
BUT WHY NOT
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T THROWN IT AWAY
PLEASE GIVE IT BACK TO ME.
IT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERA-TIONS
IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING...
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH... YOU JUST KEEP GOING ON WITH YOUR CRAP AND PISSING ME OFF.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, FOUR-EYES!
THERE'S NOTHING TO GIVE BACK TO YOU!
HUH?
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DOOR SIGN THEN? AND YOU SAY IT'S IM-PORTANT?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
AND

WHAT DOES THAT GUY WANT?!
UGH !!
HE JUST BARGES IN ONE DAY AND EXPECTS TO THE PLACE..
AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?! I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM KEEP DOING THIS!
WHAT
SO WHAT?
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME FOR AGAIN?
YOU!
IT'S YOU!

ALL TRASH.
THAT STUFF BELONGS TO THOSE GUYS...
THREW THEM OUT
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE THINGS THAT USED TO BE HERE?!
!!!
THAT'S MY LINE!
THIS GUY'S MESSED UP
THAT MEANS... THE INSTRUMENTS...
AH.
DIDN'T I SAY I'D JOIN THE KOTO CLUB?!
IF I THREW AWAY THE INSTRUMENTS, WHAT WOULD I PLAY THEN?!
OH...
AH! MY HEAD! MY HEAD!
CAN'T YOU SEE?! THEY'RE STILL HERE!
WHAT DO YOU EVEN WEAR GLASSES FOR?!

DAMN! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN THAT GUY'S HEAD?!
THE DOOR SIGN!
BEFORE YOU SIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING AGAIN, THROW THESE OUT!
WA-
WAIT
WHY SHOULD I?
NO WAY... HOW COULD A GUY LIKE THAT WANT TO PLAY THE KOTO...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HMM?
WHAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS
KICK
THROW
.....
SO YOU THINK KUDOU IS INTIMI-DAT ING. HUH?!
AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE FOLLOW ING HIM AROUND
AM I RIGHT?!
WHAT?!
WHO'S FOLLOWING WHO?!
HUH?!
YOU'RE DOING ER-RANDS FOR KUDOU NOW?!
THAT'S CUTE!
ISN'T THAT OUR STUFF?
AND YOU'RE THROWING THEM OUT?
UM NO

HOW DID YOU END UP WITH THIS PIECE OF TRASH AGAIN?
FOUR-EYES!
!!
KU-KUDOU!
DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!
SO THESE PEOPLE MADE THE FIRST MOVE?
UH YEAH
I GUESS THIS COUNTS AS SELF-DEFENSE!
EH ?!
STOP!
STOP THAT!

OH?
WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSI-NESS!
BECAUSE YOU GOT YOURSELF MADE FUN OF BY THESE GUYS AGAIN!
I'M SAVING YOUR ASS HERE!
HUH?
Tch.
MIND MY OWN BUS.-NESS?!
MIND MY OWN BUSI-NESS?!
THOSE GUYS WERE THE ONES WHO PUT THE KOTO CLUB ROOM IN THAT MISERABLE STATE
THEY NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!
EVEN SO, I DON'T BELIEVE IN USING VIOLENCE TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM!
I ONLY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE CLUB.
AND WHAT CAN SOMEONE LIKE YOU TAKE CARE OF?
DOES "TAKING CARE" OF SOMETHING FOR YOU MEANS NOT DOING ANYTHING?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU THINK LIKE THIS THAT PEOPLE TREAT YOU LIKE CRAP! YOU LET THEM MESS WITH YOU...
MESS WITH ME? AREN'T YOU DOING THE SAME THING?!

GRAB
DIDN'T I SAID THAT I'M "JOINING THE CLUB" ?!
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF!
WHAT THE HELL IS IT THAT YOU WANT?
YOU MEDDLE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES WHILE NOT CARING WHAT THEY THINK?!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACHIEVE BY DOING THIS?!
DO YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST THIS CLUB?!
WHY WOULD I BELIEVE YOU?

HEY
...
IS
THAT
SO?

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...
HE SUDDENLY LISTENED...
HE EVEN MADE IT LOOK LIKE I WAS THE BAD GUY FOR A SECOND THERE
.....
THIS IS...
め せ 全国!!

"THEY MESS WITH ME?! AREN'T YOU DOING THE SAME THING?!"
THAT GUY...
He even taped it all back together
=CROUCHES DOWN=
BUMP
CHIKA?
HE ISN'T HERE YET...
OH ...
HE'S NOT COMING TO SCHOOL?
NOPE,
HE'S PROBABLY JUST LATE
IS THAT SO?

SENPAI,
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT?
DAMN THAT KUDOU.
...
UH, NO
IT'S NOT KUDOU-KUN, IT'S ME
THEN
DID THAT GUY CAUSE TROUBLE AGAIN?
REALLY?! HOW?!
WE DON'T HAVE TO FACE HIM HEAD-TO-HEAD BUT WE CAN GET HIM TO LEAVE ONCE AND FOR ALL
I HAVE A PLAN
FACING THAT GUY HEAD-TO-HEAD IS TOO RISKY
THAT LITTLE SMART ASS JUST PISSES ME OFF
HE'S EVEN DOMINATED THE CLASS
DAMN
THAT KID IS HERE AGAIN!
EVERY MONTH, ON THIS DAY...
THE ONE THAT ALMOST MADE HIM A CRIMINAL...
WE'RE GOING TO REENACT THE INCIDENT FROM THE LAST YEAR

COULD IT BE THAT HE'S TRYING TO REPENT FOR HIS CRIMES?
SIGN LAND FOR SALE
売地
"DINNER'S READY! GO GET SOME!"
"OH, YOU'RE FINALLY BACK!"
TO PUT IT SIMPLY,
CHIKA IS CONNECTED TO THE KOTO BECAUSE OF HIS GRANDFA-THER...

AND HIS GRAND-FATHER
WAS A KOTO CRAFTSMAN.
HE STARTED LIVING WITH H.S GRANDFATHER IN HIS THIRD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
!
GRAND-FATHER?
EH?!
DURING H.S FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, HE LIKED TO CAUSE TROUBLE AND WAS EXTREMELY VIOLENT
HE HAD ARGUMENTS FREQUENTLY WITH HIS GRANDFATHER..
THEN KUDOU REALLY..
CRAFT
CRAFTSMAN?
THAT GUY, CHIKA
HE'S ACTUALLY A LOT BETTER THAN HE WAS BEFORE
BUT...
I'M SURE THOSE TWO HAVE A STRONG BOND BETWEEN THEM
"HMM CHIKA.. DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT AGAIN?"

"OH... OH... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE A HUGE MESS."
"HOW WAS IT? DID SOMEONE REALLY GET YOU THIS TIME?"
"AH?"
"IF YOU ASK ME YOUR LIFE SEEMS TO BE AT THE EXTREME POINT OF MEANINGLESSNESS."
"HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LET YOURSELF GET TANGLED UP IN THESE THINGS BEFORE YOU GET TIRED OF IT?"
"YOU REALLY ARE A LITTLE DEMON."
"IT WAS SO ANNOYING I WAS AGAINST 9 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GUYS."
"BUT I STILL WON."
"DON'T BE SO ARROGANT, OLD MAN."
"I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD BE MAKING THESE INSTRUMENTS DAY IN AND DAY OUT"
"HA WELL, AN UNCOUTH LITTLE DEMON LIKE YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE ENCHANTING MYSTERY OF THE KOTO."
"IF I WERE YOU,
I WOULD LIVE A LIFE THAT'S A MILLION TIMES HAPPIER."

"WHO SAID I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THIS THING?!"
"TCH... LITTLE DEMON... SO ANNOYING..."
"YOU'RE JUST LIKE A LITTLE KID."
"AND THIS IS WHY I SAID A LITTLE DEMON WILL ALWAYS STAY A LITTLE DEMON"
"CHIKA! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!"
"AH!"
"CHIKA!"

"OH "
"THE FIGHT'S OVER NOW? HOW BORING "
"GEN-SAN
ARE YOU STILL WAITING FOR YOUR GRANDSON?"
"DAMN"
" I CAN'T BUY ANY-THING GOOD TO EAT WITH JUST THIS."
"YEAH, MY LIFE REALLY IS DULL."
"DON'T EVER SHOW UP IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN "
"YOU SHOULD JUST SEND HIM AWAY "
"EVERYONE'S BEEN SAYING"
"A PERSON LIKE YOU CAN'T BE MY SON "
"YOU MUST BE GETTING TIRED OF YOUR GRANDSON'S DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR "

"AND I STILL WANT TO BE HIS GRANDFATHER."
"DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR, WHATEVER KIND OF BEHAVIOR IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME. HE'S STILL MY GRANDSON."

"HOW COULD THAT EVEN HAPPEN?"
"WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE FINALLY INTERESTED IN THE KOTO?"
"YOU DON'T KNOW? A LOT OF CALCULATION WENT INTO THE DESIGN AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF THIS INSTRUMENT."
HOW COULD A SOUND COME OUT OF IT..."
"I WAS JUST WONDERING ABOUT THIS ROUND PIECE OF WOOD..
"A KOTO OF THE HIGHEST ORDER DESERVES A SONG OF THE HIGHEST ORDER TO ACCOMPANY IT AND OF COURSE, A PERFORMER AS WELL."
"YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW."
"THE KOTO'S FORM REFLECTS THAT QUALITY."
"A DRAGON?"
what an exaggeration
EVEN A 'DRAGON' WOULD BOW DOWN OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE KOTO'S EXCELLENCE."
"AN INSTRUMENT LIKE THE KOTO..

"ARE YOU SCARED I'LL SEE HOW BADLY YOU PLAY?"
"SO, WANNA GIVE IT A TRY?"
"WHAT?! WHY WOULD I .."
WHAT DID YOU SAY .."
"THEN, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR GREAT MUSIC."
"THAT STUFF IS A PIECE OF CAKE! I'LL SHOW YOU!"
"OKAY THEN, PUT THIS ON YOUR FINGER."
DURING THAT TIME, CHIKA LIVED WITH HIS GRANDFA-- THER,
AND HE HARDLY EVER GOT INTO FIGHTS ANYMORE.
"CHIKA, C'MON LET'S BEAT SOME GUY UP!"
"CAN'T BE BOTHERED".
HE STOPPED HANGING OUT WITH THAT CROWD.

NATURALLY THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T LIKE CHIKA'S NEW ATTITUDE...
"I HEARD CHIKA'S TURNED INTO THIS LAME DUDE NOW..."
"I THINK IT HAPPENED WHEN HE STARTED LIVING WITH HIS GRANDFATHER..."
BUT
"YEAH, WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T APPROACH HIM."
"HOW COULD WE MAKE HIM LOSE THAT WARMTH AGAIN..."
"THAT'S UNFORGIVABLE I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE BEST THING ABOUT CHIKA WAS THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES. THOSE EYES NEVER SHOWED ANY WARMTH."
WITH THAT INTENTION,
THOSE GUYS RAIDED HIS GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE.

THEY DESTROYED THE INSTRUMENTS
THE HOUSE
AND THEY DID IT THE WAY CHIKA USUALLY HAD DONE IT
THEY MADE SURE CHIKA'S GRANDFATHER WASN'T HOME
HUH ...
THEY MADE SURE THEY COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE TRUST BETWEEN CHIKA AND HIS GRANDFATHER.
AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT?!
THOUGH ILLNESS SEEMS TO BE THE CAUSE OF DEATH
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS.
THE REASON WHY CHIKA WANTS TO JOIN THE KOTO CLUB...
SENPA
HIS GRANDFATHER COLLAPSED THAT NIGHT AND DIED A FEW DAYS LATER
YEAH, THE POLICE MADE CHIKA INTO A SUSPECT
THAT CRIMINAL CHARGE...
"YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!"

IS BECAUSE THE PERSON WHO STARTED THE CLUB
WAS HIS GRANDFA-THER.
"WHAT ARE YOU REALLY AFTER?! DO YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST THIS CLUB?!"
HE ONLY WANTED TO JOIN THE CLUB THAT HIS GRANDFATHER SINGLEHANDEDLY STARTED
SO IT WAS TRUE
入部届
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT
"I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE YOU."
UGH
I NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO KUDOU-KUN
BUT WHAT SHOULD I SAY

AFTER ALL, I DON'T THINK SOMEONE LIKE ME SHOULD BE BRINGING UP THAT TOPIC.
STARE
"I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE YOU."
"THEN DOES THIS COUNT AS SELF DEFENSE?"
"STOP!"
TO HELL WITH IT!
YO FOUR-EYES!!!

!!?
ARE YOU OKAY
WHAT ?!
HEY !
!!
KU-DOU!
WE HEARD A LOUD NOISE SO WE RUSHED OVER HERE!
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?! WE DIDN'T EXPECT THIS FROM YOU!
HUH...
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?!

SHUT UP!!!
YOU THINK WE'D BELIEVE YOU?!
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!!!
WHAT?!
HURRY UP AND HELP!!
COME OVER HERE!
"COME WITH US NOW!"
"YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!"
WHAT THE HELL...
THIS AGAIN...
WHERE AM I?
HOW..
EH?

AH, YOU'RE AWAKE!
YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
OW...
WAIT... SOMEONE...
EH?!
APPARENTLY SOMEONE CALLED KUDOU DID IT
YOU TOOK A REALLY SERIOUS BLOW THERE
DOC DOC TOR!
ugh I've never felt pain like this before
KUDOU ...?
WHAT A TERRIFYING CHILD...
THE CLUB ACTIVITY ROOM IS IN A HORRIFIC STATE RIGHT NOW TOO
HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT AND WAS TAKEN TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
OH...
"DOING IT THE WAY CHIKA USUALLY HAD DONE IT."
"THEY RAIDED HIS GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE"
IT'S LIKE THAT INCIDENT
WAIT!
IS NOT KUDOU-KUN!!!
THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE
YOU WAIT RIGHT HERE!
I NEED TO TELL THEM!

NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OUT OF YOU GETTING INVOLVED WITH HIM.
DIDN'T YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO YOU?!
UGH
CLENCHES FISTS
BUT!
I MIGHT NOT KNOW WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THIS,
BUT I THINK IT'S BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT PERSON THEY CALL KUDOU
KUDOU-KUN,
YOU CAN SPEAK FREELY AND HONESTLY HERE
LET THE TEACHERS DEAL WITH THIS
AND AS FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD GO HOME.
SILENCE
DOESN'T EXPLAIN ANYTHING
THEN...

"I HAVE NOTH NG TO DO W TH TH S!"
"SHUT UP AND STOP STRUGGL NG!"
THIS CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE TAKING RESPON- SIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS?
"NO! I DIDN'T DO IT!"
"EVEN F YOU WEREN T THE PERSON WHO D D IT "
"THAT S WHY I M SAY NG
"SUDDENLY DESTROYING HIS GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE THE SAME GRANDFATHER THAT TOOK CARE OF HIM IT'S ALMOST UNTHINKABLE! HOW DANGEROUS COULD A PERSON LIKE THAT BE!"

"AREN'T YOU STILL THE REASON WHY IT ALL ENDED UP TH S WAY?!"

I SHOULD HAVE CONS DERED THOSE THINGS
WHEN I DEALT WITH HIM BACK THEN
EVEN SO
"NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OUT OF YOU GETTING INVOLVED WITH HIM "

I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE KOTO CLUB.
WHILE I FEEL LIKE I'VE LET KUDOU-KUN DOWN,
WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WE REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EACH OTHER
WE'RE FROM TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER HE'S HERE OR NOT
"I WANT YOU TO RETURN THE DOOR SIGN! NOW!"
"IT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING!"
YOU SAY IT'S IMPORTANT?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH "
"THE PERSON WHO STARTED THE SCHOOL KOTO CLUB
AH...
IS THAT GUY'S GRANDFATHER "

箏曲部
"YOU CALL THAT 'TAKING CARE' OF SOMETHING? WHAT A LOAD OF BULLSHIT!"

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? HMM?

YO.

I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE YET

BUT KUDOU PROBABLY JUST DROPPED OUT

NAH,

PLANNING IN ADVANCE REALLY DOES MAKE THINGS SO MUCH EASIER

WHAT WOULD THE PUN-ISHMENT BE THEN?

WE CAN JUST EXPEL HIM

THAT KID HAS DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE IN FACT, LAST YEAR

THE PERSON RESPON-SIBLE IS DEFINITELY HIM

PRINCI-PAL,

PLEASE DON'T LISTEN TO THIS KID'S LIES

WAIT !!!

"TAKEZOU, THIS CLUB... PLEASE..."
UM
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY.
"THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AS LONG AS TAKEZOU IS HERE..."
KURATA-KUN
FOUR EYES
HAVE YOUR WOUNDS HEALED UP?
I'M FINE!
YOU!
STOP TALKING NONSENSE!
I DON'T KNOW BUT...
DO YOU KNOW WHO DID IT?
KU-KUDOU KUN DIDN'T DO IT!
IF IT'S NOT KUDOU-KUN,
THEN WHY WAS HE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME RIGHT AS IT HAPPENED?! THAT'S THE STRONGEST EVIDENCE...
KUDOU-KUN...

KUDOU-KUN IS A NEW MEMBER OF THE KOTO CLUB!
SO WHY SHOULDN'T HE BE IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM?!

"OH, CHIKA, YOU'RE HERE."
"CONFESS! NOW!"
"YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DID IT!"
WHY D'D YOU WANT TO JOIN THE KOTO CLUB?
PRIN-- CIPAL!
KUDOU-KUN, IS WHAT HE SAID TRUE?
YOU ...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SYA?!
"JUST HAND YOURSELF OVER!"
"ONLY A FOOL WOULD BE-LIEVE THAT!"
"I..."
"YOU LITTLE IDIOT! YOU REALLY MADE ME LOOK BAD!"

"DID I MAKE THAT PERFECTLY CLEAR TO YOU?!"

MY GRANDFA-THER
HE STARTED THE SCHOOL KOTO CLUB BY HIMSELF.
MY GRANDFA-THER...!
IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IM-PORTANT THINGS TO H.M.
AND IT GOT ATTACKED BECAUSE OF ME
SO ANYTHING LEFT OF THAT CLUB NOW .. IT'S MY DUTY TO PROTECT IT!
WHY MY GRANDFATHER LOVED THE KOTO CLUB THAT MUCH...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE

SO
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO JOIN THE KOTO CLUB!
ALL NON-SENSE
I'M QUITE SURE HE'S NOT TELLING A LIE
HIS GRAND FATHER WAS MY FRIEND
WHAT?!
YES, I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE WE WERE BOTH STUDENTS
AH!
"A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE WAS THE ONE WHO FOUNDED THE SCHOOL KOTO CLUB"
THE PERSON THE PRINCIPAL WAS TALKING ABOUT IS KUDOU-KUN'S GRANDFATHER!
EVEN SO, THAT DOESN'T CLEAR KUDOU'S NAME.
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HE DID TO HIS GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE...
MIND YOUR WORDS!
I KNOW YOU'LL KEEP GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HIM NOT HAVING ENOUGH EVIDENCE,
BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE BIASED AGAINST HIM.
AM I RIGHT?

WH-
WHAT?!
THOSE THREE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO WHAT THEY DID!
THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THE CLUB ROOM AND HARMED KURATA-KUN...
BUT
BUT...
PRINCI-PAL!
KURATA-KUN, KUDOU-KUN.
THREE PEOPLE THAT MEANS
DARN IT! WHO ARE THEY?!
GRAND-
GRANDFATHER WAS FRIENDS WITH YOU BACK THEN?
!!
IT'S ALRIGHT, SIR
IT'S QUITE EMBAR-RASSING ON MY PART
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVE-NIENCE

FEEL FREE TO SEE ME IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
LET'S TALK ABOUT HIM NEXT TIME, OKAY?
YES.
.....
AH.
HAHA, THAT'S SO EMBARRASSING!
LET'S HEAD BACK THEN.

THAT'S RIGHT..
YOU MUST BE HEARING THINGS!
EH?! EH?!
EH?!
DID YOU JUST THANK ME?!
I COULD BARELY HEAR IT!
WHO KNOWS
SUD-DENLY TURNING THEM-SELVES IN
I WONDER WHAT THOSE GUYS WERE THINK-.NG
OH YEAH,

"WAHAHA-HAHAHA"
I FEEL BAD NOW
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOO PUSHY
HM,
THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMEONE WORKING IN THE SHADOWS, TRYING TO HELP US
HUH?
=GASP=
カ!
YOU BASTARDS BETTER RUN OFF AND TURN YOURSELVES IN NOW
ALRIGHT I WON.
UGH
AH
BUT IF THERE'S A NEXT TIME, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THIS SIMPLE I HOPE YOU GUYS PREPARE YOURSELVES.
DON'T USE VIOLENCE TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM. AND I THINK YOU GUYS THINK VERY HIGHLY OF YOURSELVES..
THIS TIME, I JUST SINGLE HANDEDLY CRUSHED ALL OF YOU
AH, ARE YOU THINKING OF ANYTHING STUPID?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE SCHOOL GATE IS OVER THERE
REALLY
THESE PIECES OF SHIT
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE WITH THE CLUB, THEN...
THE CLUB ACTIVITY ROOM.
"AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT."
SENPAI.
HAHA
"TAKEZOU, I'LL LEAVE THIS CLUB TO YOU."

"LET'S MAKE THIS CLUB THE PERFECT KOTO CLUB~"
IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT,
BUT WE DO HAVE THE BEST MEMBERS THAT WE COULD EVER ASK FOR!
WHAT ?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
THANKS FOR FIXING UP THE DOOR SIGN!
OH YEAH!
YOU CAN DO STUFF LIKE THAT BUT YOU CAN'T ADMIT IT, HUH?
SHUT UP, STINKY FOUR-EYES!

Important note:

IN CHAPTER 1 THERE S A
M STRANSLATION
'TETSUO,' THE NAME OF
CHIKA S BUDDY WAS
M STRANSLATED
THE CORRECT TRANSLATION
OF THE NAME S 'TETSUK.
H S FULL NAME S
"TAKAOKA TETSUKI

"I'm trying to understand
what my grandfather cherished so much."
And thus,
Kudou-kun joined the Koto club.
Koto Club
箏曲部
The club gradually,
began to take shape.

Koto ot Tomare!

#2: Where to find Someone Qualitified

LISTEN FOUR-EYES!
YOU CAN'T LOSE TO THOSE OTHER CLUBS!
7"
Today we're going to try recruiting freshmen during the club promotion event.
I couldn't sleep because of Kudou-kun's threats.
YEAH AND IF YOU GET DEFEATED THEN YOU'RE DEAD!
TAKE DOWN WHAT
WE HAVE TO TAKE DOWN THE OTHER CLUBS.
AND GET OUR REAL BERS!
IT'S CLEARLY A DECLARATION OF WAR!
IF WE DON'T HAVE AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS THEN WE'LL GET SHUT DOWN!
Crash
どすん

Fellow freshmen!
Welcome to a new school year!
They will now pour their hearts out in a performance of their No. 1 hit "Dateless"!!
The first club to perform will be the Keion* Club.
*T/N Keion means Light
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T LISTEN TO MUSIC.
IS IT?
IT'S LIKE THE WORST THING I'VE EVER HEARD
DAMN, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS SONG?
REALLY
I'VE GIVEN HIM AH-SO MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT THAT IT EVEN MADE HIM CRY
IS SENPAI OKAY?
SFX KREEAAH (ELECTRIC GUITAR)
Hmph
OBVIOUSLY THE CRAPPY THING HERE ISN'T THE MUSIC...

I've practiced countless times,
tremble
but this is going to be my first time performing on stage by myself.
tremble
Ugh...
Koto Club
!
RHHHH
"So why would it matter even if you fail?"
"You've practiced hard enough and given it your all."
"You worry too much, Takezou!"
What if one of the strings break, like what happened to Senpai last year
What if I suddenly stop midway thru and my mind goes blank...
clench
So why not just enjoy the experience?"
"The stage is a reward for those who persevere with their music.

I am from the Koto club.
Um, I... I'd like to welcome you to this school
Fellow students. This is my first time meeting you all.
The club presenting now will be the school's Koto club.
HYAHHH!
The Koto Club, is a club for the performance of the Koto, a traditional Japanese musical instrument.
IS HE OKAY.. THAT FOUR EYES..
That look in his eyes. It's so weird
It's called "Roku-dan no Shirabe"
Today, I will perform a song that showcases all the basic Koto techniques.
BASIC KOTO TECHNIQUES
If anyone here is interested in learning more, please feel free to drop by the club room
TECHNIQUES. I GUESS THAT'S GOOD
SITS DOWN

I can do this!
IT'S ALRIGHT
THIS IS NOTHING
DO
TONG
TONG
TONG
TONG
TONG
TONG
SO THE NEXT CLUB'S GOING TO BE
.....
@xcdkerfs

STOMP

BLAHBLAH BLAH! WHY DON'T YOU ALL SHUT UP! I CAN'T HEAR SHIT ANYMORE!

.....

THIS EAST

I wonder

Can we really keep this slut alive?

AH?!

I-IT'S OKAY

Bam!
OH,
I HAVE NO IDEA.
BUT WILL ANYONE WANT TO JOIN THE CLUB?
HOW WAS IT?
HOW WAS MY PERFORMANCE EARLIER?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WHAT YOU PLAYED DIDN'T IT HAVE ALL THE BASIC TECHNIQUES?
I MIGHT NOT KNOW MUCH,
BUT IT SOUNDED PRETTY NICE.
DOES THAT EVEN COUNT
WE JUST WEREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE SONG!
hit
YEAH THAT'S TRUE
I SHOULD'VE PLAYED A POPULAR SONG INSTEAD
IF WE STILL CAN'T GET MEMBERS THEN OUR LAST RESORT WILL BE
STARE
WHAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND THOSE PEOPLE.
WHY NOT , WE'RE JUST GOING TO SAY HELLO.
AH WELL, I THINK SOME PEOPLE WE KNOW CAME TO THIS SCHOOL TOO.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE DOING ANYTHING. WANNA TRY ASKING THEM?
HEY

Wah! She's beautiful!
UH, UM.
I'M SORRY, I CAME IN HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION.
I ACTUALLY CAME HERE, BECAUSE I WANT TO JOIN THE CLUB.
EH?!
MAY I ASK IF YOU WILL LET ME JOIN?
OF COURSE! YOU'RE VERY WELCOME HERE! LET YOU JOIN?
THAT'S GREAT! THIS IS MY APPLICATION FORM.
YOU LITTLE BASTARD! WHEN I GAVE YOU MY APPLICATION YOU WEREN'T THIS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT! WHY IS THAT?!
HUH?!
BECAUSE THE WAY YOU TRIED TO JOIN THE CLUB WAS JUST TOO STRANGE!
This is awesome. It didn't take that long for someone to join!
LET'S SEE. YOUR NAME IS

HOTSU-
HOTSUKI... SATOWA-SAN.
YES.
THAT MEANS YOU'RE FROM THE HOTSUKI ASSOCIATION.
IS THAT RIGHT... HOTSUKI... SATOWA-SAN
OH, YOU KNOW ABOUT HOTSUKI!
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?!
ANSWER ME! DO YOU OR DON'T YOU?!
SHE'S FROM A WELL-KNOWN AND SUPER POWERFUL KOTO-PLAYING FAMILY!
SHE'S WON AWARDS IN MANY COMPETITIONS AND SHE'S BEEN CALLED "A YOUNG VIRTUOSO"!
OH, PLEASE DON'T EXAG-GERATE

I...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY MY KOTO, EVER SINCE I WAS BORN.
Relax, Chika.
OR, WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU EVEN BE IN A SCHOOL AS SMALL AND WEAK AS OURS.
BUT WHY WHY WOULD SOMEONE AS OUTSTANDING AS YOU JOIN THIS KOTO CLUB.
SO WHAT! DOESN'T IT SOUND A LITTLE RIDICULOUS?
HMPH!
NERVOUS
I HEARD LAST YEAR, ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL'S KOTO ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE
AND I THOUGHT YOU GUYS PERFORMED SO HAPPILY TOGETHER.
BUT I ONLY GET TO PERFORM SOLO OR IN AN ENSEMBLE WITH ADULTS
I'VE NEVER PLAYED THE KOTO WITH PEOPLE MY OWN AGE.
BY THE WAY, AREN'T THERE OTHER SENPAIS IN THE CLUB?
tears of gratitude どぱっ
THANK YOU SO MUCH~
What...
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AH,
THEY'VE GRADUATED ALREADY.
RIGHT NOW,
IT'S JUST ME AND KUDOU-KUN, WHO JUST JOINED YESTERDAY
BUT
THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US WHICH MEANS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS
WHAT?! ONLY TWO GUYS?!
EH?!
THE GOOD GIRL ACT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING.
h?

I DON'T LOOK LIKE A GOOD GIRL NOW, DO I?
IF THE FEMALE SENPAIS WERE HERE, I WOULD BE LOOKED AT AS ARROGANT, ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M IN A STRONGER POSITION THAN THEM.
SO THAT WAS ALL AN ACT!
WHEN THEY INTRODUCED THE KOTO CLUB, ONLY ONE PERSON WENT ON STAGE
HOW DID I NOT THINK OF THIS POSSIBILITY?
SO... SO.
HOTSUKI-SAN, YOUR PERSONALITY...
S-SO, THE REASON YOU WANTED TO JOIN THE CLUB...
HAHA
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL KOTO PLAYER.
!!
THIS CLUB WELL, WHEN I BECOME FAMOUS ONE DAY, IT'S GOING TO BE THE THING THAT WILL PUT ME IN THE HEADLINES
HEADLINES?
HEY! I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE TOO SURE ABOUT THIS GIRL!
EH!
OTHERWISE, THEY WOULD ALL GOSSIP BEHIND MY BACK
I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
"THE YOUNG VIRTUOSO KOTO PLAYER THAT LED A NO-NAME SCHOOL CLUB TO BECOME NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION HAS FINALLY DEBUTED!"
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IT WILL DEFINITELY BE EYE-CATCHING!

AND WHEN I DEBUT AS A PROFESSIONAL KOTO PLAYER, THE AURA OF MAGNIFICENCE THAT SURROUNDS ME WILL COME FROM THAT ACHIEVEMENT.
WHICH IS WHY I PLAN TO BRING THIS CLUB TO THE TOP.

N-NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION?!
NO-NAME SCHOOL CLUB?
I MAY BE IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH, AND I MAY BE FROM A FAMILY OF HIGH REGARD,
BUT WITHOUT SOMETHING THAT WILL BECOME THE TALK OF THE TOWN, I CAN'T BECOME FAMOUS OVERNIGHT.

W-WHAT?
BUT SENPAI, IF YOU ALSO WISH TO LEAD THE KOTO CLUB TO THE TOP,
THEN WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE REACH THAT END THROUGH DIFFERENT MEANS.

DON'T WORRY, AS LONG AS I'M HERE, EVERYTHING WILL BE A CAKEWALK FOR US!
LET'S WORK TOGETHER THEN!

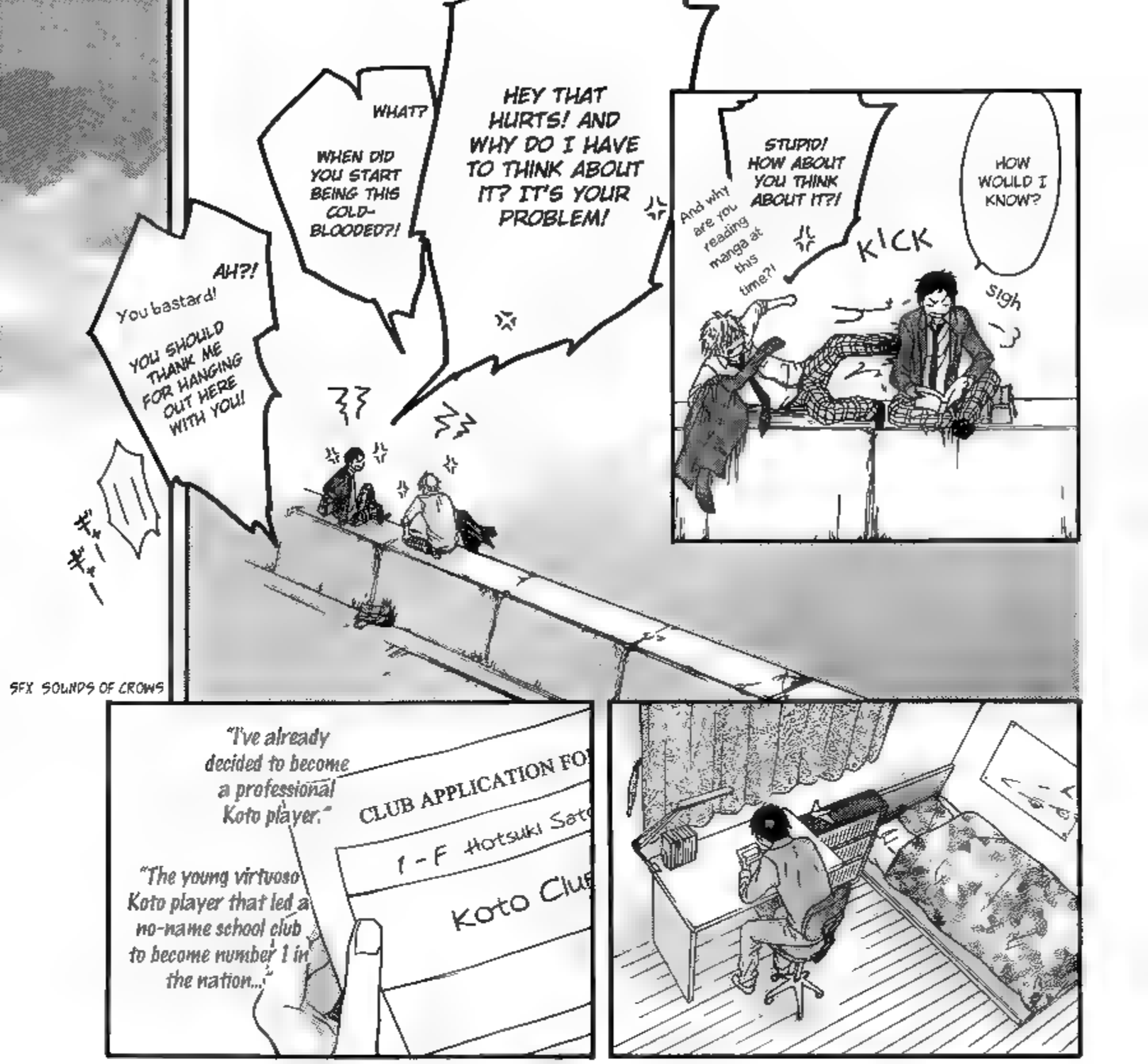
SLAM!!
UM...

WHAT'S THIS NONSENSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?!
SUDDENLY COMING HERE AND SAYING ALL THESE BIG, EMPTY WORDS.
EVEN WITHOUT YOU, THIS CLUB CAN STILL BECOME NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION!
AND WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO THINK YOU'RE ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE?
HEY, HEY.
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MANNERS!
BITCH!
AND WHAT ABOUT EARLIER?
YOU STUPIDLY CAUSED SUCH A COMMOTION DURING THE PERFORMANCE!
HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE YOU JOIN THE KOTO CLUB?
wa
SFX. KICK
KU
KUDOU-KUN, HE .
AND YOU, SENPAI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS KOTO? HOW IS IT IN SUCH POOR CONDITION?
THE STRING DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT BROKE BY ITSELF
ARE YOU EVEN MANAGING THIS CLUB?
!
THAT ...
THAT WAS MY MISTAKE!
!

PULLS
WHY EXACTLY YOU JOINED
I DON'T
DOES NOT
DESERVE
TO PLAY IT.
SOMEONE LIKE
OU WHO CAN

HOTSUKI-SAN!
"I don't care!"
"This is all shit!"
FLINGS
LET'S ALL GET ALONG, OKAY?
I THINK YOU'RE BEING A BIT TOO AGGRES-SIVE.
KUDOU-KUN!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY USE FOR A PERSON LIKE THAT
HOT-SUKI SAN, YOU MISUN-DERSTAND KUDOU-KUN!
THE MOST IMPOR-TANT THING TO ME
IS HOW HE TREATED THE KOTO.

UH...
I'M COMING BACK TOMOR-ROW
I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU MY APPLICATION TODAY
HEY YOU.
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO BE SULKING THERE?
I'M NOT SULK-STUPID. ING!
OH, YOU DON'T CALL THIS SULK-ING?
What a stubborn guy!
..
THE KOTO CLUB...
FOUR-EYES ALREADY LET ME JOIN THE CLUB.
BUT TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, SN'T THAT GIRL RIGHT?
I DON'T DESERVE TO PLAY THE KOTO...


AH?!
You bastard!
YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR HANGING OUT HERE WITH YOU!
WHAT?
WHEN DID YOU START BEING THIS COLD-BLOODED?!
HEY THAT HURTS! AND WHY DO I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT? IT'S YOUR PROBLEM!
SFX SOUNDS OF CROWS
And why are you reading manga at this time?!
STUPID! HOW ABOUT YOU THINK ABOUT IT?!
KICK
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
sigh

"I've already decided to become a professional Koto player."
"The young virtuoso Koto player that led a no-name school club to become number 1 in the nation..."
CLUB APPLICATION FO
1-F Hotsuki Sato
Koto Clu

"As long as I'm here, everything will be a cakewalk for us! We'll be number 1!"

I never thought that a daughter of the Hotsuki family would be that kind of person though...
AND THEN THERE'S KUDOU-KUN.
I NEED TO DECIDE WHICH PATH THE KOTO CLUB SHOULD TAKE
professional number 1
IT'S LIKE SHE'S NOT EVEN IN THE SAME DIMENSION AS US.

"The most important thing to me is how he treated the Koto."
She's always lived inside the world of the Koto. That's why she feels that way.

"We'll be number 1!"
IT'S THAT EASY, HUH...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP SAYING IT?
1-F
WHY ...
WH...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
And why are you at the table next to mine?!
I'VE ALWAYS SAT HERE EVER SINCE SCHOOL STARTED
HOW ABOUT YOU?
IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE?

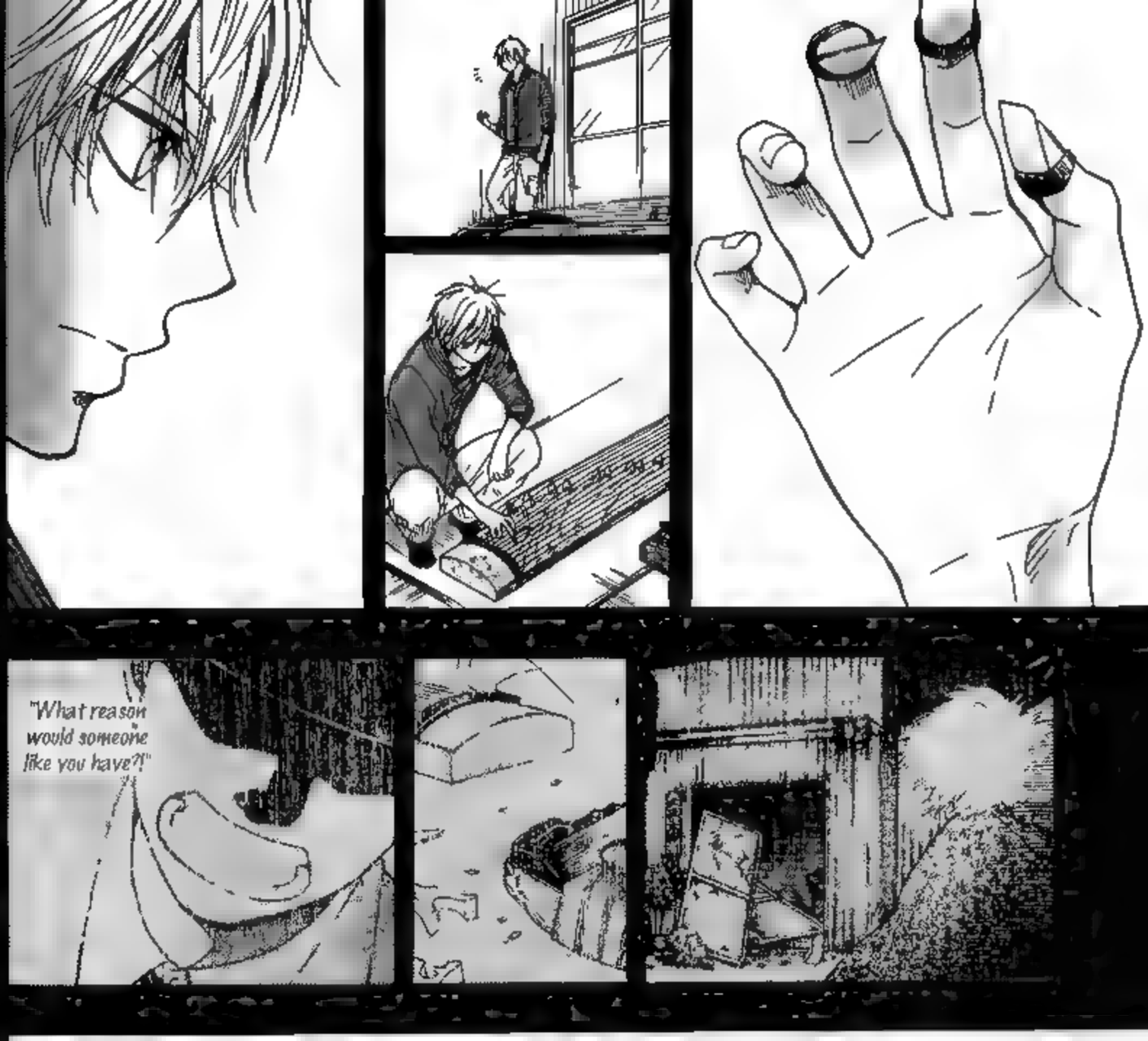
SITS
ANGRY
YOU BITCH.
GRR
"Someone who can harm an instrument doesn't deserve to play it."
YOU TOLD ME YESTERDAY, I DON'T DESERVE TO PLAY THE KOTO
WHAT ?
SO ABOUT ME DESERVING TO PLAY THE KOTO.
.....
.....
...WHAT ?!
YOU SHOULD KNOW!
AREN'T YOU FROM AN OLD KOTO-PLAYING FAMILY?
WHAT DO I DO TO BECOME WORTHY OF THE KOTO?
YOU HEARD ME!
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
SO WHAT DO I DO TO BECOME WORTHY THEN?

THE CLASS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
EVERY-ONE PLEASE GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS!
SFX: ENRAGED
THAT'S SUCH A STUPID QUESTION.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS EVER INSULTED MY INTELLIGENCE LIKE THAT.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN BE ANYWHERE NEAR THIS BITCH!
I'D RATHER SKIP CLASS!
HEY! HEY YOU!
SFX: SUDDENLY STANDS
BANG
HE'S HOPE-LESS.
HEY! KUDOU!
How did I misunderstand him?
"Hotsuki-san, you misunderstand Kudou-kun."
I can tell just from how he sounds that he's a crude and vulgar person.

bites lip
That's why I...
Sounds can't lie.
Sounds reflect the real character of a person.
SFX: CRASH
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!
I EVEN ASKED HER NICELY!
I HAVE A GOOD REASON TO ASK HOW TO BE WORTHY TO PLAY THE KOTO! IT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO PLAY THE KOTO! THAT'S ENOUGH!
WHAT GAVE HER THE RIGHT TO SAY ALL THAT SHIT TO ME!
DAMN!
THAT DIDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING!
LIES DOWN

"Don't ever kick the instruments.~ again!"
"Hey Chika!"
TWING
TWING
"Yeah, yeah... so annoying!"
I KNOW HOW TO DO IT
"Wrong! That's not how you play it!"
"Do you want to give it a try?"
"How was it? Not bad, hun?"
"Haha, yes it was pretty good!"

"This..."
"You actually seem quite talented"
"What did you say?!"
"This kind of talent is nothing to be happy about!"
SFX: BANG
CLENCHES TIGHTLY
"Hey! Chika! Wait!"



"You don't deserve to play the koto."

I'm kind of embarrassed.
H-
HELLO
I WONDER IF KUDOU-KUN IS COMING HERE TODAY
HI!
!
OPENS
OUR GOAL:
TO BE NUMBER 1 IN THE COUNTRY!
OUR GOAL NOW IS A LOT HIGHER THAN BEFORE TOO
THE CLUB'S SPIRIT IS NOW REFRESHED AND BRAND NEW!
HOTSU-
HOTSUKI-SAN! THIS IS.
AH!
THE ONE FROM BEFORE WAS ALREADY TORN APART SO I JUST PUT A NEW ONE!
!
YOU SHOULDN'T DECIDE THESE THINGS ON YOUR OWN!

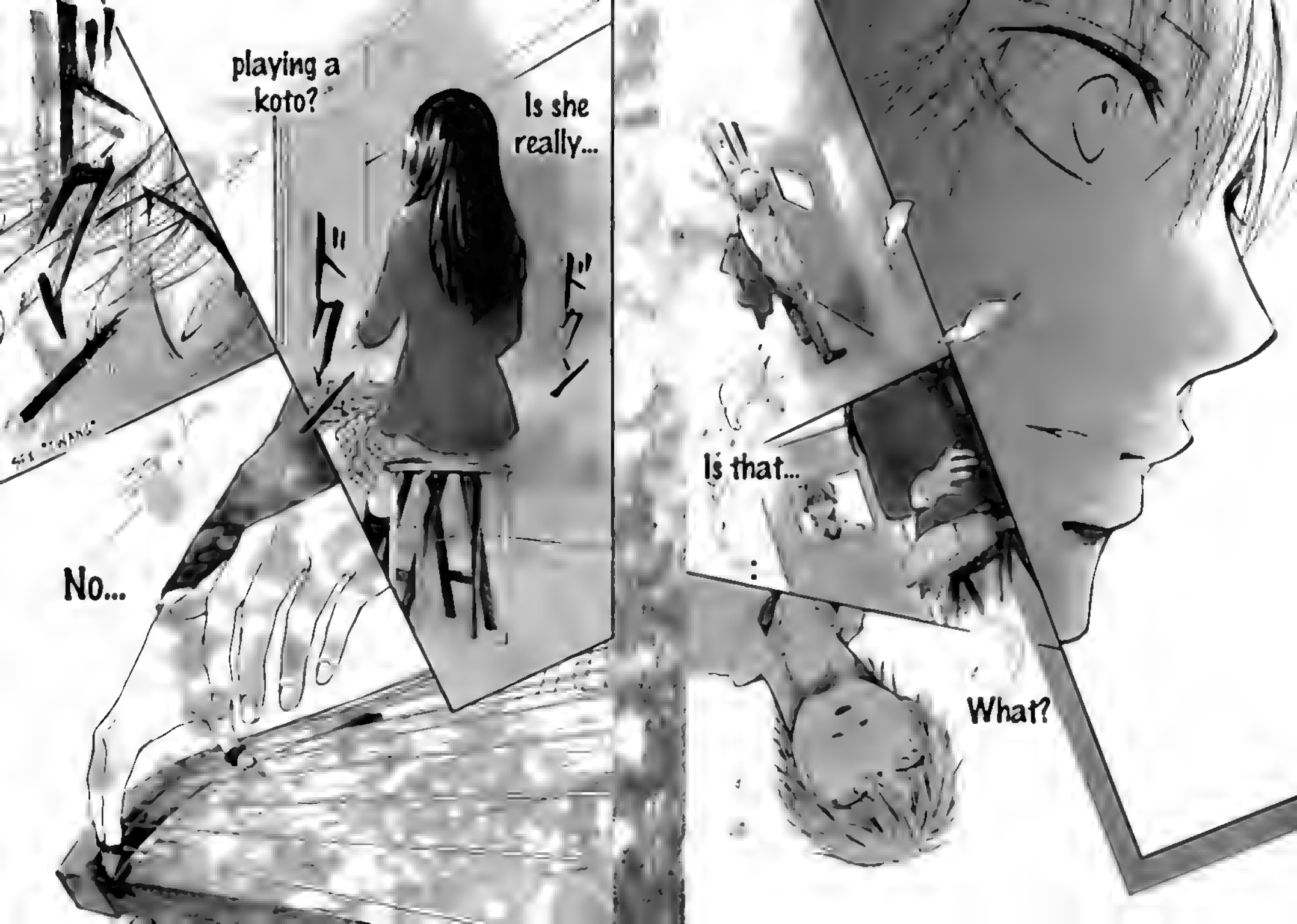
ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR A NORMAL PERSON LIKE ME,
SOMETHING LIKE AIMING TO BE THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.. I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
BUT THIS GOAL...
FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, IT'S JUST A WAY TO GAIN MORE PUBLICITY FOR YOUR DEBUT.
S-SORRY
SHOCKED
SORRY ABOUT THAT
YOU'LL HAVE STRENGTH, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A GOAL.
I JUST HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND ...
I AM NOT NAIVE ENOUGH TO BE IMAGINING THAT I HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR THINGS LIKE THAT
SO SENPAI, YOU SAY YOU'VE NEVER AIMED FOR THE NATIONALS, RIGHT?
UH...
THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE AMBITION,
WILL NEVER GAIN STRENGTH
WHY WERE YOU CRYING AFTER YOU GUYS LOST THE PRELIMINARIES?
THEN LAST YEAR,

YOU SAW THAT.
YOU WEREN'T READY TO ACCEPT IT BACK THEN.
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO GO FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROUND?
IF I'M HERE, THE CLUB WILL DEFINITELY GO TO THE NATIONALS.
YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE NATIONALS!!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE CLUB CAN MAKE IT THERE BY JUST HAVING EVERYONE DEPEND ON ONE PERSON'S EFFORT!

I THINK...
THE NATIONALS IS A HEIGHT THAT THE CLUB CAN REACH ONLY WHEN EVERYONE WORKS HARD TOGETHER!
SLAM

"The nationals?!"
"When a goal is set at a high standard, then it will definitely help us improve a lot faster."
"A goal doesn't have to be restricted, right?"
Are you kidding me?! Do you have any idea about the level of our
"Because why else would you be crying?"
have you ever wanted to go to the nationals?"

WATCHING
CLOSELY
AND EVEN FROM A KUTU PLAYING FAMILY PLUS THAT FIERCE PERSONALITY
A PRINCESS MANNER
SO SHE'S GOING TO PLAY THE INNOCENT HUH
OH?
DAMN
THAT GIRL REALLY DID COME BACK
WHY DON'T I WANT TO GO IN?
WHAT IS YOUR STRENGTH REALLY LIKE?
I'M ALL EARS.


playing a koto?
Is she really...
No...
Is that...
:
What?

A song becomes totally different when it's performed by different people...
Is this the same song four eyes played yesterday?
I've never heard a koto sound like this, until today...

Couldn't possibly understand the enchanting mystery of the Koto."
"An uncouth little demon like you,
but I can feel every note entering my ears.
I don't know how to explain it.
"how much thought went into the Koto's form so that it could create the sounds you hear."
"Obviously you don't know,"

SFX "BANG"
OLD MAN,
SFX "KNOCK"
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
.....
...COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

.....
SMILES
WHAT IS IT THEN?
Things just got even more awkward...
I wonder if Hotsuki-san and Kudou-kun are coming today...
Ah...
GLOOMY
HUH?
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
HURRIED
AH, KURATA-KUN
HELLO THERE
UH...
REALLY?!
I CAN'T REALLY BLAME YOU GUYS ON THIS.
OF COURSE!
I CALLED THE MUSIC STORE AND THEY SENT PEOPLE TO HELP TRANSPORT THEM.
IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM REPAIRED,
I HEARD THE INSTRUMENTS WERE DAMAGED.

NO! WE DON'T MIND!
I HAVE MY OWN KOTO AT HOME!
I'LL JUST PRACTICE AT HOME WHILE THE KOTOS ARE BEING REPAIRED.
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY!
STILL, I'M QUITE SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
AH...
HOWEVER, THERE'S ONLY ONE KOTO LEFT.
WILL THAT BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR THE CLUB?
SURPRISE
SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION
.....
ALRIGHT THEN, IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED, JUST LOOK FOR ME!
THANK YOU! SO MUCH!
THE GOOD GIRL ACT...
OPEN
Sure enough, she's still angry...
SIGH
TURNS
SO THEN, LET ME KNOW WHEN THE KOTOS ARE FIXED.
BYE.
AH!
..KUDOU-KUN ISN'T HERE EITHER.
EMPTY

AH...

WHAT HAPPENED? DOES HE HAVE A COLD?
A STUBBORN IDIOT LIKE THAT CAN'T CATCH A COLD
HE'S PROBABLY JUST OUT SKIPPING CLASS.
IS THAT SO.
HEY,
IS KUDOU-KUN NOT HERE TODAY?
OKAY THEN. THANK YOU!
CHIKA.. YOU REALLY ARE A TROUBLE-SOME GUY.

What Hotsuki-san said yesterday...
It really hit a nerve.
I COULD SEND AN EMAIL BUT I DON'T KNOW HIS ADDRESS.
Then again.
You expect me to go back after someone said all those things to me?!
I'll have nothing to do with the club anymore!
No. I don't think he'd say that
The truth is, with Kudou-kun's circumstances
筝曲部
Suddenly hides himself
Whatever! Tomorrow, Kudou-kun definitely will...
AH...
HE JUST WENT HOME?
SORRY
I'M ACTUALLY NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED
I'M SURE HE IS SICK OR SOMETHING
BUT HOW?!

OPENS WINDOW
KUDOU ...
THIS IS THE 3RD FLOOR!
HEY, HEY, HEY!
AH!
KUDOU-KUN!
ESCAPES
HUH?!
HMM ...
So that means, after what happened ...
Kudou-kun never showed up to participate in club activities...
he's avoiding me on top of that.
He just went home
SO, BECAUSE OF THIS...
Drool
Hmph
He's simply not a good person.

And so,
a week passed.
HE SAID SOMETHING CAME UP AND LEFT...
S-SORRY.
AH...
I'M RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE HERE.
ARE YOU KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME?
SFX "FURIOUS"
YES?
TAKAOKA-KUN.
RUNNING AT FULL SPEED
"Sorry, Senpai
He made me swear not to tell anyone."

SFX: *BUMP*
SO THEN
OWW!
Wa!
HOTSUKI-S...
!
"So that guy was really..."
OH YEAH! THE GUY THAT HAD THE CRAPPY PERFORMANCE THE OTHER DAY!
NADE-SHIKO?
YEAH, FROM THE KOTO CLUB!
OH, IT'S NADESHIKO!
THIS GUY JUST RAN INTO ME!
WA-
S-
SORRY!
HE'S FROM THE KEION CLUB!
DON'T GIVE UP, ALRIGHT? ♡
HEY STUPID, LET'S GET GOING.
OR DO YOU WANT ME TO JOIN?
HE'S DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO GET ANY MEMBERS THAT WAY
!
HAHA, SUCKS TO BE HIM.
AND THAT TROUBLEMAKING FIRST YEAR EVEN MADE A HUGE COMMOTION IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!
THE ONE THAT WAS REALLY BORING!
YEAH!

THE ONES WHO NEED TO BE TOLD THAT ISN'T HIM, BUT YOU GUYS.
THOSE WHO REALLY SUCK,
DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO LAUGH AT HIS PERFORMANCE.
HA?
!?
HEY...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
WHAT ...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
IF YOU WANT TO LAUGH AT OTHERS,
THEN I SUGGEST YOU GUYS TO STEP UP YOUR GAME.

HOTSUKI-SAN!
YO, JUST IGNORE HER.
DAMN IT...
NOISE
Hey s there a fight?
I
I...
I WANT YOU TO GO SOMEWHERE WITH ME!
IS THIS THE RIGHT PLACE?
HMM...
ISN'T THIS THE PLACE WHERE THE INSTRUMENTS ARE GETTING REPAIRED?

SO I GUESS, YOU GUYS ARE KUDOU-KUN'S FRIENDS?
HEY GUYS!
EVEN IF THEY ARE, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO COME.
ARE THEY DONE FIXING THEM?
OW! THAT HURTS!
HUH
YEAH, HE'S INSIDE.
KUDOU-KUN'S HERE?!
HIT
WATCH YOUR TONE, KID!
OW!
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT THESE WERE BROKEN! I LET YOU TOUCH THE INSTRUMENTS SINCE YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP!
!!?
I KNOW! I KNOW! STOP NAGGING!
I TOLD YOU TO BE MORE CAREFUL!
IDIOT!

A WEEK AGO,
AH,
H-HOW ...
?
OH!
HIT
WHO'S THE OLD WOMAN?!
I DON'T THINK AN OLD WOMAN LIKE YOU SHOULD BE HITTING PEOPLE THAT HARD!
REALLY! YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS!
"What I mean is..."
KUDOU-KUN SHOWED UP HERE AT THE SHOP.
SOME TIME AFTER WE GOT THE CALL FROM THE PRINCIPAL TO HAVE THE KOTOS REPAIRED,
"Please let me help."
"I'm the reason why all the kotos are broken."
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

YOU LITTLE BASTARD!!!
BUT WITH GRANDMA LIKE THIS...
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.
!
OF COURSE, SHE FLATLY REFUSED HIS REQUEST.
"What nonsense are you telling me?!
"Letting someone like you who broke the kotos even touch them?!
"Get out of my sight!"

IN THE END,
GRANDMA ASKED HIM TO COME CLEAN ABOUT, "THE REASON WHY HE BROKE THE KOTOS." AND "THE REASON WHY HE WANTS TO HELP FIX THEM.".
AND FINALLY, SHE LET HIM HELP.

KUDOU-KUN CAME HERE EVERYDAY,
NOT EATING, JUST SITTING IN FRONT OF THE SHOP FOR HOURS.
WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT HIM.

FOR KUDOU-KUN, ALL THIS MIGHT JUST BE SOMETHING HE'D RATHER LEAVE BEHIND AS A THING OF THE PAST
BUT HE STILL TOLD US EVERY SINGLE DETAIL

!
SO KUDOU-KUN'S SITUATION.
YES, I KNOW, EVERYTHING ABOUT HIS PAST.

SO WHY DID HE HAVE TO DO ALL OF THIS
!
...APPARENTLY, HE WANTED TO BE WORTHY OF SOMETHING.
"I'M STUPID."
"AND AT THAT TIME, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT BREAKING KOTOS WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH BEING WORTHY TO PLAY THEM."
"BUT IF I GET RECOGNITION FROM A KOTO CRAFTSMAN HIMSELF,
THEN I'LL BE CONSIDERED WORTHY TO PLAY THE KOTO."

"I BELIEVE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE A DIGNIFIED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KOTO."
THAT'S HOW HE SAID IT.
HOTSUKI-SAN.
!
HE'S STUPID.
PURE AND SIMPLE.
THIS IS DISGUS-TING ...
!!!
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HIS PLAYING,
WILL JUST SOUND LIKE A DUMB OAF PLAYING THE KOTO.

HOTSUKI-SAN..
UM...
I'M TRULY SORRY FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE,
AND I'M ALSO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT HAPPENED RECENTLY
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, HOTSUKI-SAN,
IN MY HEART, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO THE NATIONALS.
BUT AFTER LAST YEAR'S FAILURE, I HAD TO FACE REALITY
HAVING ALL THESE BIG GOALS IN THESE CIRCUM-STANCES,
I'M JUST NOT BRAVE ENOUGH TO DO IT.
NO...
I'VE ALSO SAID A LOT OF SELF-RIGHTEOUS THINGS.
WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE KOTO CLUB.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MY POSITION WAS AND HOW TO ACT ACCORDINGLY
.....
THOUGH I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND..
.....
BUT,
I'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT.
SO,
WOULD YOU STILL LET ME JOIN THE CLUB?

AND NOW, WE CAN OFFICIALLY START MARCHING FORWARD TO THE NATIONALS!
THAT'S GREAT!
OF COURSE!
I WOULD GO TO JUST ANY SCHOOL,
JUST SO I COULD BE IN THE NATIONALS.
IT'S NOT LIKE,
SHE HASN'T CHANGED THAT SIDE OF HER!
HEY!
BUT...
EH...
THEN YOU'RE SAYING...
Clatter
clatter

Y-Y-YOU GUYS... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
DON'T THROW THINGS ON THE GROUND! KID!
AH...
OH WHO'S THIS? YOUR FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL?
AH, WE'RE FROM THE KOTO CLUB
OH YOU PEOPLE SURE ARE DIFFICULT.
LIKE THIS STUPID CLUB MEMBER HERE.
REALLY! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
AH, YOU'RE...
!
!
IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU,
CAN WE HELP OUT TOO?
WHAT?!
!

UGH
.....
WE ARE ALL PART OF THE KOTO CLUB!
IS THERE ANYTHING, WE CAN HELP YOU GUYS WITH?
STOP ...

THIS IS MY JOB! YOU GUYS GET OUT OF HERE!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
I'VE ALREADY DEVOTED MOST OF MY TIME HELPING OUT!
OH YES, WE'D REALLY APPRECIATE THE HELP
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
和楽器
AH?!
UGH... SO LOUD AND ANNOYING.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
WHY ARE YOU SO NICE TO THEM AND NOT TO ME?!
HEY, HEY! WAIT UP OLD WOMAN!
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, TETSUKI PROBABLY LET SOMETHING SLIP AND THEY FOUND OUT! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM A KICK THAT'LL MAKE HIM FLY OFF THE GROUND!
CHOO!!
SO FINALLY, THE CLOUDS HAVE PARTED AND WE CAN SEE THE SUNSHINE?!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF UNWAVERING TRUST!

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THE KOTO CLUB CAN FINALLY START!
WITH THIS, WE'RE DONE REPAIRING EVERYTHING.
WELL. THIS IS THE LAST ONE.
PRESS
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
MOVED
We can finally start club activities.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
EVEN THOUGH WE REPAIRED THE INSTRUMENTS, WE'RE STILL GOING TO DISBAND IF WE CAN'T FIND TWO MORE MEMBERS WITHIN A MONTH!
UGH.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE
THAT NO ONE IS CHECKING OUT THE CLUB.

THAT'S WHY EVERYONE'S TOO SCARED TO JOIN!
THERE ARE RUMORS SAYING,
"A DELINQUENT JOINED THE KOTO CLUB."
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I'VE HEARD
THAT YOU'RE QUITE WELL KNOWN AS A DELINQUENT IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
AND THAT YOU'VE DONE PLENTY OF BAD THINGS.
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
AND HAVE TO DISBAND,
WHICH MEANS, IF WE'RE UNABLE TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS
SHOCK
CRAC
KLE
I GREW UP IN AN ADULT'S WORLD SO NO ONE IS ON PAR WITH ME!!
WELL, I'M SO SORRY!
AH, YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU? BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN?
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT
YOU'RE SUCH AN IRRITATING WOMAN!
HMPH
YOU'RE NOT DENYING IT?
IT'S BECAUSE I'M HERE THAT THIS NO AMBITION TIMID GUY DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BULLIED!
SHUT UP!!

WHAT ?!
WHO SAID I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE KOTO?!!
YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANOTHER'S ISOLATION AND CAN'T EVEN PLAY THE KOTO.
ALSO, MY ABILITY VALUE SURPASSES THAT OF 100 MEMBERS.
HE-
HEY, KUDOU-KUN, THAT KIND OF LIE IS--
I'M NOT LYING!
I'LL SHOW YOU!
BRING IT ON!
FOUR EYES, BRING ME THE KOTO!
I INTEND TO!!!
YES.
SIT

WHAT?
THAT'S NOT IT
YOU HAVE TO SIT IN SEIZA WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING IT'S THE BASICS.
To produce sound well and stuff
POSITION
CORRECT PERFORMANCE POSITION
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
JUST SHUT UP AND PLAY SOME NOTES. NOT THAT I HAVE ANY EXPECTATIONS.
TCH
LEAVE.
I DIDN'T EVEN START!!
fine!
I'll show you my skills!!
TOUCH
Damn it.
She's treating me like a fool.
Just because she plays a little better.
PANG

? ?
WH-
WHAT'S WRONG?
PANG
?
.....
HM.
IT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT
EVEN THOUGH I'M PLUCKING IT CORRECTLY.
FOUR EYES!
THIS KOTO IS DEFECTIVE !!
NO, THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE IT ISN'T TUNED.
UM ...
HOW DO I EXPLAIN THIS...
THAT IS TUNING
YOU NEED TO ADJUST THE BRIDGES SO THAT THE MELODY COORDINATES.
THE KOTO HAS 13 BRIDGES.
TUNED?
※ BRIDGE
LOCATED UNDER THE STRINGS ARE MOVABLE BRIDGES THAT CAN BE ADJUSTED TO ADJUST THE STRING'S PITCH. THE BRIDGE CAN MAKE THE STRINGS VIBRATE THE KOTO AND THUS PRODUCE RESONANCE

confusion
DIFFERENT SONGS NEED DIFFERENT TUNES.
THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO TUNE THE KOTO ACCORDING TO THE SONG.
SMOOTHLY
IF THE KOTO'S TUNE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE TUNE OF THE SONG YOU'RE PLAYING,
THEN EVEN IF YOU HAVE THE SAME STRINGS, THE SOUND WILL BE DIFFERENT
Hmph
YOUR POSITION IS INCORRECT
AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TUNING IS.
YOU CALL THIS, "KNOWING HOW TO PLAY"?
STOP JOKING.
IT-IT CERTAINLY IS DIFFICULT IF YOU TALK IN MUSIC LANGUAGE
SPEAK NORMALLY!
SPEAK
!!!
IF-IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL HELP YOU TUNE IT!
WHAT SONG DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?
I DON'T KNOW!
HUH?
I DON'T KNOW THE NAME!
IS THAT CALLED KNOWING HOW TO PLAY?

I pity you
DOOM
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT YOU'RE A BEGINNER
MAYBE HOTSUKI-SAN CAN TEACH YOU.
I PITY YOU.
I BELIEVE YOUR "SHAME" CAN'T EVEN BE EXPRESSED ANYMORE.
SNAP
DRAG DRAG
WE'RE GOING TO DO SPECIAL TRAINING!
LET'S SURPASS HER IN A WEEK!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
.....
GRAB
I WANT FOUR EYES TO TEACH ME!!
HUH?!
WHO WANTS HER TO TEACH?!
RECORD
4月
5月
UH...
LAME...
sigh

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I NEED TO GET THE TEAM TOGETHER!!
Even I want her to teach us
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WE HAVE HOTSUKI-SAN SO DO I REALLY NEED TO PLAN ANYTHING?!
MAKING A PRACTICE PLAN IS HARD
ONE IS A NEWBIE, THE OTHER IS AN EXPERT,
AND BOTH DON'T GET ALONG
The only thing we did today was get back the instruments?
SIZZLE
BATTERY DEPLETED
I...
am not suited to be the "president."
It's only because I was the only member left that I became "president."
Fried Scans
CHATTER
CHATTER
It'll be fine. Not everyone gets along at first!!
This is bad!!
I can't be weak!!
SHOCK
SHAKE
SHAKE

CHIKA, ARE YOU OK?
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
OH, IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I WAS READING A KOTO BOOK YESTERDAY.
MY BRAIN HURTS.
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF IF YOU'RE NOT USED TO IT
NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE KOTO.
SO I NEED TO LEARN.
MISS, GIVE ME A YAKISOBA CROQUETTE BREAD.
AND A SPECIAL STRAWBERRY CAKE ROLL.
SFX. RUN RUN RUN
IS THE KOTO THAT HARD?
I want a pork cutlet sandwich and a rice meal.
Alright
YUP
MORE DIFFICULT THAN WOMEN.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
BY THE WAY
SANE AND THE GUYS WANT TO SEE YOU.
THEY SAID WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL AND YET, WE DON'T MEET UP
EH?
THAT'S CORNY.
CHIKA !!!
SHOCK
SFX. GLOMP

WE FINALLY FOUND YOU, CHIKA.
SANE.
MITTSU.
HAI~
LONG TIME NO SEE
SPEAK OF THE DEVI...
TCH.
CHIKA,
YOU REALLY JOINED THE KOTO CLUB?
DON'T BE LIKE THAT
DAMMIT, KOTA, DON'T STICK TO ME!
WHY NOT? IT'S LIVELIER
NOISY
YOU GUYS!
YEAH, YEAH!
LET'S EAT TOGETHER~
HAPPY HAPPY
AND DON'T FOLLOW ME!!!
YOU'RE ANNOYING !!!
YOU'RE THE MODEL OF ALL GRANDSONS.
DON'T CRY YOU IDIOT!
TO FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR DECEASED GRANDFATHER

(ABRUPTLY)
よったり
UGH.
Wow, who's the cutie?
Hm? Someone you know?
GIGGLE
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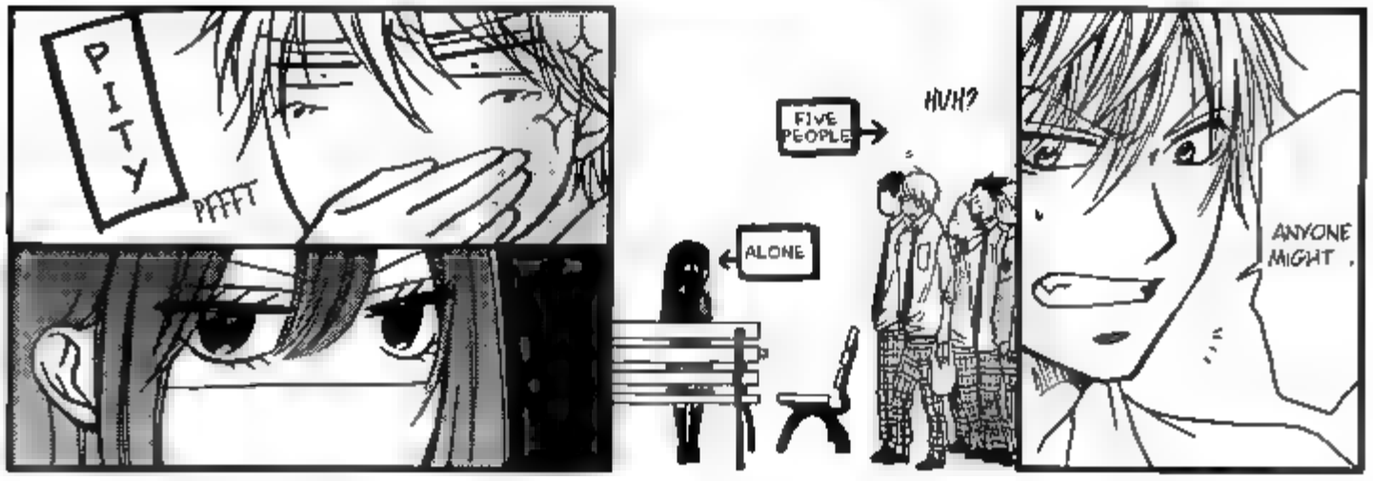

PITY
PFFFT
ALONE
FIVE PEOPLE
HUH?
ANYONE MIGHT

ARE THEY YOUR FRIENDS?
HELLO, KUDOU-KUN.
STAND
FALSE SMILE

SHIVER
YEAH, WE'RE KUDOU-KUN'S FRIENDS.
YOU GUYS SEEM TO HAVE A NICE RELATIONSHIP I'M ENVIOUS.
I'M HOTSUKI SATOWA. I'M IN THE SAME CLASS AS KUDOU-KUN AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE KOTO CLUB.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU!!!
OI!!!
DON'T BE SO RUDE TO A GIRL!!
YEAH, YOU JERK!!
YOU.
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER!
SHE HAS A DOUBLE PERSONALITY
HER OTHER PERSONALITY IS REALLY EVI.
SFX SMACK
YOU'RE SO LUCKY~ TO BE IN A CLUB WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL.
THIS IS THE YOUTH MAN, LET US JOIN TOO~
WHA-?
WELCOME !!
HUH?
CHIKA,
WHY DIDN'T YOU INTRODUCE US TO SUCH A CUTE GIRL BEFORE?
NOT AT ALL
DAMMIT
THAT'S AMAZING!
YOU STARTED LEARNING THE KOTO WHEN YOU WERE THREE?

TRUTH IS, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS.
THE KOTO CLUB WILL HAVE TO DISBAND
IF WE CAN'T RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS.
I'D BE DELIGHTED
IF MEMBERS AS CHEERFUL AS YOU GUYS JOINED.
SFX BANG
SFX SHIVER X7
FREEZE
CLENCH
LET US BE THE KOTO CLUB'S SAVIORS!!!
WAIT A MINUTE !!!
ARE YOU STUPID ?!
SHINE
SHINE
WE MUST HELP OUT
IF CHIKA'S CLUB IS IN TROUBLE,
THAT'S RIGHT
WHAT?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US EARLIER?
YOU'RE SO MEAN.

YOU WON'T BE SCARED IF THEY'RE YOUR FRIENDS, RIGHT?
I'M SAYING THEY CAN'T PLAY THE KOTO!!
IT'S FINE
What are you trying to do?!
THESE GUYS ARE SIMPLE IDIOTS!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SERIOUS?!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ?!
AS LONG AS THEY'RE ON THE CLUB LIST, WE WON'T HAVE TO DISBAND.
THERE'S NO NEED.
WE JUST NEED THEIR NAMES.
snicker
I DON'T NEED FRIENDS.
YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO HAVE FRIENDS IF YOU'RE LIKE THAT!
I'M ALREADY USED TO BEING ALONE.
SFX: SHUDDER
So dark!!
THEY'RE JUST NUMBERS SO IT DOESN'T MATTER.

HOTSUKI-SAN, IS IT ALRIGHT IF WE WRITE THIS ON THE REGISTER?
YEAH. THAT'S FINE.
SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS.
KOTO CLUB
箏曲
きょく
チャラーン
SHINE
I'M MIZUHARA KOTA.
SAKAI MICHITAKA.
THE KOTO CLUB'S SAVIORS, ADACHI SANEYASU.

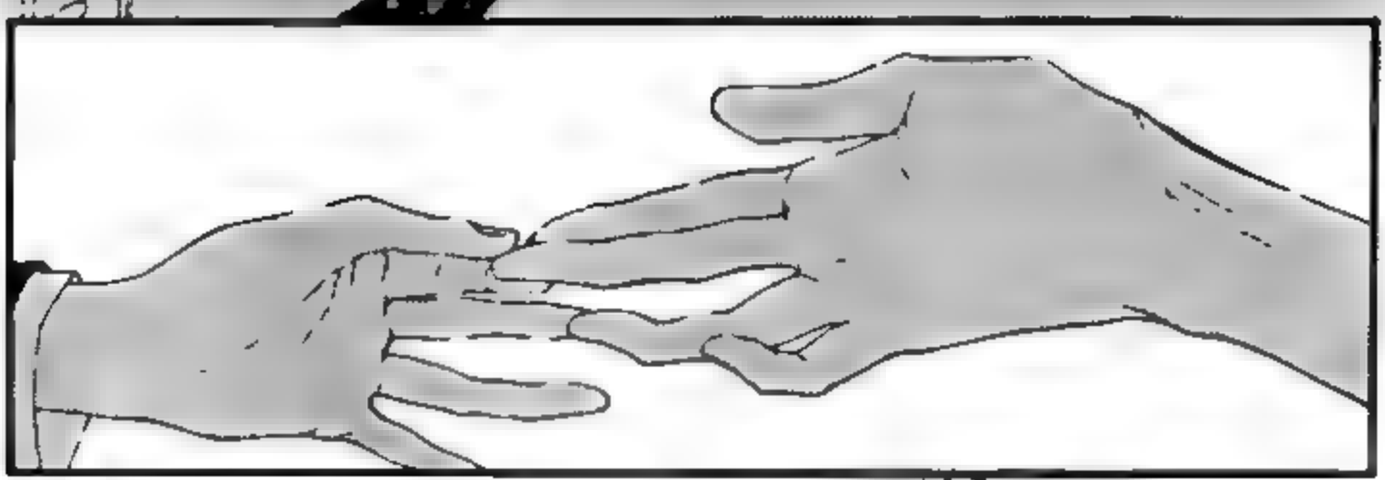
WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE MUSIC STORE TO BUY KUDOU-KUN'S KOTO PICKS.
AND TO FIX YOU TWO'S RELATIONSHIP
SENPAI.
WHAT'RE WE DOING TODAY?
DELIGHT
IT LOOKS COOL.
SO THIS IS A KOTO.
WOW,
SA...
SAVIORS? WHAT'S GOING ON?
POING
DON'T MIND IT.
THEY'LL GET BORED AND LEAVE SOON.
KOTO PICKS.
THEN, LET'S BUY IT TODAY.
HE'S SO EXCITED
GLITTER
MY KOTO PICKS.
BUT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS.
WELCOME
Welcome
Why are you guys even here?
WE'RE HERE FOR HOTSUKI-SAN.
TOO BAD IT'S WITH A BUNCH OF IDIOTS.
IS AWESOME.
HANGING OUT AFTER SCHOOL LIKE THIS.
chatter
chatter

NO.
CRAVING FOOD?
THE MUSIC SHOP OWNER TOOK CARE OF US BEFORE,
SO I WANT TO GIVE HER SOMETHING AS THANKS.
Please give me one of that
.....
IT'S NORMAL
AREN'T YOU OVERDOING IT?
A GIFT ...
SO SHE REALLY IS FROM A RICH FAMILY.
NOTHING.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU'RE FOLLOWING YOUR PARENTS' FOOTSTEPS?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT TRADITIONAL KOTO FAMILIES.
BUT YOUR PARENTS PLAY THE KOTO RIGHT?

YES.
YOUR TOTAL IS 1200 YEN.
YOU.
SFX: SLAM!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
SFX: BONK!
YOU'RE SHORT!
WAIT!
SHUT UP!
WHA
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS TAKEN CARE OF, SO I'LL PAY!!
NISHINA INSTRUMENTS
仁科楽器
WH -

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOTTEN LIVELIER.
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
HERE ARE SOME KOTO PICKS. TRY THEM ON.
Wow! There are so many!
WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE THEIR RELATIONSHIP GOT WORSE?
14
15
WOW, THERE ARE SO MANY TYPES.
THEN TRY THESE.
YOUR SCHOOL IS A KOTO SCHOOL RIGHT?
WHOA, WHAT'RE THESE?
CONCENTRATED
How are you supposed to wear this?
YOU DON'T PUT IT ON ALL OF YOUR FINGERS.
DOES IT FIT ME?
WAS THIS ORIGINALLY SEPARATED?
You're wearing it wrong.
How was this made?
HOTSUKI-SAN. CAN YOU HELP KUDOU-KUN WEAR HIS PICKS?
HUH ?!

Stop gawking you idiots
WHY ME?
STOP JOKING!
Who wants her help?
AND SHIZU-SAN IS HELPING THOSE 3 CHOOSE THE R PICKS.
BECAUSE I CAN'T HELP.
PLEASE ?
.....
HAND.
YOUR HAND.
GIVE IT TO ME.
.....



What's with her fingertips?
They're so hard.

Such a small hand.
IT'S AMAZING SHE CAN PLAY SO WELL.
Huh?

She has been in the koto world since birth.
WHA--OO
HM.
CAN WE TRY ON THE PICK?
YEAH.
AH!!!
TRY THEM ON.
HERE. THESE THREE
OPEN THE MOUTH OF THE CUFF.
ATTACH THE PICK USING GLUE OR TAPE,
THEN LET THE GLUE DRY.
AFTER YOU CHOSE YOUR PICK AND CUFF,
THAT'S SLY, CHIKA! WHY DOES SHE GET TO HELP YOU?
I'M ALREADY HELPING YOU SO SHUT UP

AND DONE!
OOOH! It's pretty simple
WE ONLY WEAR IT ON 3 FINGERS?
YEAH, YOU USE YOUR FINGERTIPS FOR THE REST
ARE YOU GUYS DONE?
YEAH.
THEN PAY UP,
FIVE THOUSAND YEN PER PERSON.
F-FIVE THOUSAND ?!
WE HAVE TO PAY?!
OF COURSE
WHY DID YOU COME OTHERWISE?
SHOOT! I FORGOT ABOUT THE MONEY!
These things are so expensive

TO-
TOMORROW
605 YEN
WE WERE JUST CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT
WE-WE'RE NOT REALLY
RIGHT?
.....
ONEASE
ONEASE
SO FOR NOW,
605 YEN.
I WILL BRING THE MONEY TOMORROW.
I'LL COME BACK AFTER I'VE SAVED UP ENOUGH MONEY FOR IT
DEPRESSED
remove
YOU CAN'T MAKE MONEY APPEAR OUT OF THIN AIR, YOU KNOW.
UGH.
DO YOU HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY?
S-
SOME HOW ...

I'M SORRY FOR FOR-GETTING ABOUT THE MONEY
AND YOU WERE SO EXCITED TOO.
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU STUPID FOUR EYES!!
PULL

YOU BOUGHT THAT GIFT RIGHT?
BUT...

WHAT?
THAT'S THE TRUTH.
TURN

IT'S ENOUGH TO BUY THE PICKS.
INCLUDING THAT GIFT,
AND, YOU HELPED FIX THE KOTOS.
THEN WE—
I'M NOT KIND ENOUGH TO HELP PEOPLE WHO AREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT PLAYING.
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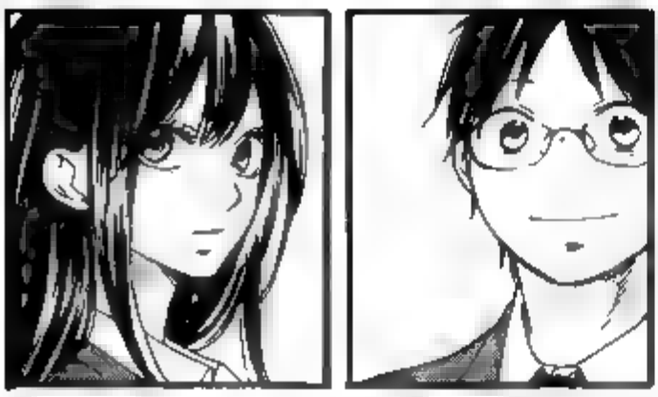
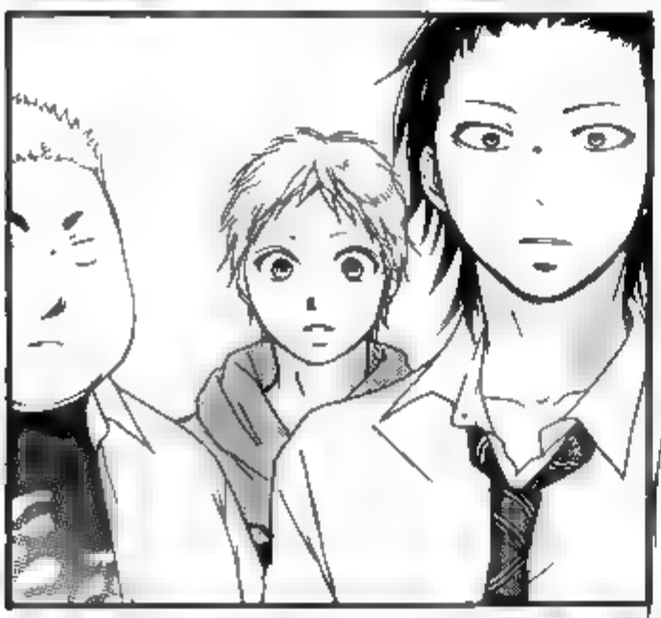
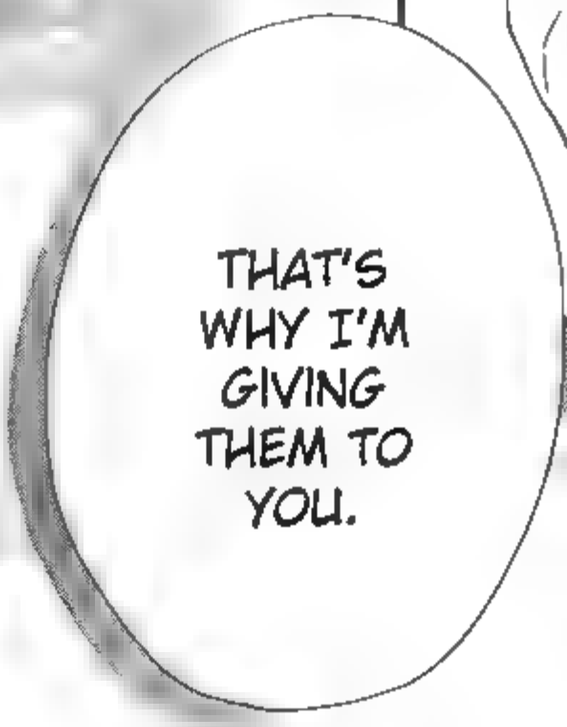




I WILL TREASURE THEM WITH ALL MY MIGHT.

CHIKA IS SERIOUS ABOUT PLAYING THE KOTO.


THAT'S WHY I'M GIVING THEM TO YOU.

SANE?
HUH?
AH, YEAH
!
BUT EVEN HOTSUKI-SAN WAS HAPPY FOR HIM.
CHIKA KNOWS THAT THOUGH.
IT FEELS LIKE WE JOINED THE CLUB JUST TO FOOL AROUND.
.....
SERI-OUSLY.
CLUB REGISTRATION FORM
SAKAI MICHITAKA
KOTO CLUB
BECAUSE
CLUB REGISTRATION
1-B Mizuhara Koto
(CLUB)
Koto Club
(REASON)
Cat
CLUB REGISTRATION
1-B Adachi Saneyasu
(CLUB)
Koto Club!
(REASON)
To kill time!!
"I'm trying to understand what my grandfather cherished so much."
AND THEY'RE CHIKA'S BUDDIES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, VICE PRINCI-PAL?
ABOUT LETTING THESE KIND OF PEOPLE JOIN THE KOTO CLUB.

HOW FOOLISH.
WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?
DID SANE AND THE OTHERS REALLY JOIN THE KOTO CLUB?
CLENCH!!
CLENCH!!
NAH.
THEY JUST FOOLED AROUND AND WENT HOME
AH, REALLY?
THEY REALLY STICK TO YOU
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT IF IT HAPPENED BEFORE
Nothing to be happy about
BUT IT'S INTERESTING
A GROUP OF DELINQUENTS IN A KOTO CLUB
HOW'S THAT INTERESTING?
WELL, BASED ON THEIR ATTITUDE, THEY WON'T BE BACK.

HEY~
DIDN'T HOTSUKI-SAN COME WITH YOU?
HEY~
YO, CHIKA!
YOU'RE LATE!
YOU!
YEAH, WE'RE NOT SERIOUS.
YOU DON'T PLAN TO PLAY THOUGH!
If you want to fool around, just leave
DIDN'T WE SAY WE WANTED TO JOIN?
YOU'RE SO MEAN.
WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?!
Bad Premonition
I HEARD FROM FOUR EYES
THAT YOU GUYS CAN'T JOIN THE CONTEST WITHOUT US RIGHT?
TRUTH IS, IT'S JUST TO PREVENT THE CLUB FROM DISBANDING
YOU NEED THE NUMBERS
THAT'S WHY!
WE WERE KIDDING AT FIRST,
BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO LEND OUR NAME TO THE CLUB.

I NEVER SAID THAT!
HAHAHA
SANE SINCERELY WANTS TO HELP CHIKA THOUGH.
She's just playing with you.
OI, YOU GUYS.
NOW HOTSUK-SAN WON'T HAVE TO WORRY!
WE DIDN'T PLAN TO JOIN ANY OTHER CLUB ANYWAY.
WE'RE GENIUSES!
YOU DID, YOU DID!
YOUR FRIEND-SHIP IS SO HOT
YOU'RE ANNOYING, IDIOT! SHUT UP!
HUH?!
WHO'S THE IDIOT? SAY IT ONE MORE TIME!
SFX BANG
HAHAHA
HAHA
SFX CLATTER
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, FIGHT SOME-WHERE ELSE!
WHO ELSE BESIDES YOU?
YOU'RE DISGUST-ING!

HMPH.
AS EXPECTED.
UH.
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
VI-
VICE PRINCI-PAL!
TCH.
I'M GLAD I CAME TO CHECK.
BECAUSE YOU GUYS WOULD NEVER BE SERIOUS ABOUT JOIN-ING A CLUB!
WHAT?
YOU WANT TO TURN THIS PLACE INTO A PLAY-GROUND?
OR A PLACE TO SKIP CLASS-ES?

WE'RE JUST BE-GINNERS

HMM.
!
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU ONE WEEK.
LET'S SEE IF YOU GUYS ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO SATISFY ME.
IF YOU CAN DO IT, I'LL ACCEPT YOU.
ONE MONTH.
!?
!
THAT'S ...
IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU CAN'T DO IT.
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY TIME EITHER.
FINE!
I'LL MAKE YOU SATISFIED WITHIN A WEEK!

HOTSUKI-SAN!
YOU ARE?
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING
I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB
!?
MAY YOU AT LEAST GIVE US ONE MONTH?
PLAYING A SIMPLE SONG
WITHIN A WEEK IS NOT A PROBLEM.
.....
HOWEVER, RECEIVING VICE PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL IS MORE DIFFICULT.
OUR CLUB MEMBERS ARE CERTAINLY NAUGHTY,
AND I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE CONCERNED.
HOWEVER, EVERYONE IS SERIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO CLUB ACTIVITIES.
THAT'S WHY WE NEED A MONTH.

IF YOU GIVE US A MONTH,
WE WILL NOT ONLY PLEASE YOU, BUT ALSO ALL THE OTHER TEACHERS.
WE CAN EVEN HAVE THE WHOLE SCHOOL ACCEPT US.
!
ビーッ
SFX SHOCK
HOTSUKI-SAN?!
HA HA HA
THE WHOLE SCHOOL?
ALRIGHT THEN!!
HA.
HAHA.
IF YOU GUYS CAN DO THAT,
OF COURSE I'LL ACCEPT YOU GUYS'
SO WHEN THE TIME COMES,
I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FULLY ACCEPT THE KOTO CLUB

I CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT MONTH.
SHUT DOOR
HO...
HO.
HOTSUKI-SAN?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?!
BECAUSE THAT VICE-PRINCIPAL REALLY WANTS TO DESTROY THE KOTO CLUB.
Can we really do that?
EAS-
EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
HOW-EVER,
IF WE IMPRESS THE AUDIENCE,
HE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT US, SO ISN'T THAT GOOD?
Yell at us instead~
EH...
IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE THE ONES AT FAULT.
I'M AT FAULT.
IT'S BECAUSE I MADE THEM JOIN THAT CAUSED THIS PROBLEM.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
WELL, IF WE DO A BAD PERFOR-MANCE,
THAT MEANS THE CLUB WILL DISBAND.

WE'RE SORRY!!!
DON'T RUN!!
CHIKA-KUN.
PAT
SHOCK
KYA
ONE MONTH
ONEASE
WE-
WE...L, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT, RIGHT?
YOU GUYS KNOW HOW TO PLAY ANYWAY.
I
WILL LEARN THE KOTO EVEN IF I SPIT BLOOD! SO IT'LL BE FINE.
KUDOU-KUN

BUT THE CLUB WILL HAVE TO DISBAND.
LOOKS LIKE WE GOTTA LEAVE THE CLUB.
We'll only drag them down
BUT WE CAN'T PLAY ANYWAY
MAN, CHIKA IS PISSED
AH.
BUT WE'RE STILL DISBANDING WITHOUT THOSE THREE.
SO LOOK THAT ROOM
THE KOTO CLUB WILL DISBAND NEXT MONTH ANYWAY,
AND DON'T LET ANY MALPRACTICES SPREAD
CHIKA AND THE OTHER THREE WILL NEVER SERIOUSLY LEARN THE KOTO
NO MATTER WHAT,
VICE PRINCIPAL,
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THEM?
TO JUVENILE REFORM INSTITUTIONS.
WE SHOULD SEND DELINQUENTS LIKE KUDOU
THE KOTO OR WHATEVER.
EVEN THE POLICE ISN'T RELIABLE.

SFX. BAM
SANEYA-SU!!
DAMMIT
SANE.
YOU-
If we join, we will have to give a satisfying performance within a month.
If we don't join, there will be insufficient members.
DO YOU HEAR ME?!
COME OUT AL-READY!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY IN THE BATH-ROOM?!
UGH.
I can play a bit of guitar,
but I don't know anything about the koto!
"Hey, Tetsuki, how can you be on such good terms with Kudou from class C?"
"We've been together since we were kids."
"But that guy has a bad reputation, right?"
You're not even in the same class

SFX: BUMP
WHAT'S THAT GUY THINKING?
HEY!
haha
I GUESS SO
THAT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT!!
YEAH, HE'S DANGEROUS!
I HEARD HE'S HANGING OUT WITH KITACHU'S UZUKI.
SHOULDN'T YOU SEVERE YOUR RELATIONSHIP?
He has never even come to school
SFX: SHOVE
UGH
WHAT?
SFX CHILL
YOU-
SFX FWIP
COUGH
COUGH
GEEZ
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS HAVE SURE GOTTEN ARROGANT
THERE ARE STILL CRUEL PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD, YOU KNOW?
LET'S MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER THAT FOR LIFE. ♡
WA-
WAIT.
IT WAS A JOKE.
HEY!!

GRAB
STOP
—
?!
KU-
KU-
DOU?!
SFX: SHAKE X2
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
KUDOU.
NISHI-NAKA'S KUDOU?!
NISHI-NAKA?!
HEY
WHY ARE YOU BUTTING IN?
ARE THEY WITH YOU?
YEAH.
TN: NISHINA=SCHOOL
!?
INTER-ESTING.
I HEARD YOU HAVE A BAD ATTITUDE
SO LET'S PLAY !!

GULP
WHY?
WE'RE NOT EVEN FRIENDS.
YOU GUYS HANG OUT WITH TETSUKI, RIGHT?

For a friend's friend,
he grabbed a knife,
and bled.
"We should send him to the juvenile reform institution."
That's what I've always thought.
I want to be his strength.
If he gets into a fight again,
BANG
SFX GRAB
SFX CRASH

NISHINA INSTRUMENTS
仁科楽器
This way of paying him back, is also fine, right?
NISHINA INSTRUMENTS
YO. YOU CAME TOO?
!
GEEZ. WE ALL THINK THE SAME, IT'S EMBARRASSING.
WE'RE TRUE FRIENDS, HUH.
YOU GUYS!
WOW WE'RE SO..
EH? YOU'RE SO MEAN
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING BAD ABOUT DOING THIS
AFTER ALL, WE'RE EQUALLY GUILTY, RIGHT?

MISS!
WE WANT TO BUY THAT THING TOO!
THE THING YOU WEAR ON YOUR HAND!
GIVE US THREE ORDERS!!
WH...
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE AGAIN?!
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP.
AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE US AGAIN?
HUH?!
OUR DEAR CHIKA-KUN
DID YOU REALLY THINK WE WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY?
YOU JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND

OH MAN, WE'RE JUST TOO COOL!!
HA HA
YAY!!!
I'M ENCHANTED BY US-
THESE IDIOTS. .
WHOA THERE
APPLAUD
WE WILL NEVER LEAVE A GIRL IN TROUBLE.
BECAUSE WE ARE RESPONSIBLE MEN!!

HOTSUKI-SAN~
Of course!!
YOU GUYS ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS, RIGHT?
THAT MEANS

HUH?!
YOU GUYS ARE SIMPLER THAN I THOUGHT.
THIS IS WONDERFUL.

IF ANYONE DARES TO SKIP, BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST.
HOT-HOTSUKI-SAN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY REALLY JOINED.
I TOLD YOU...
AHHHHHH!!
THIS ISN'T HAPPENING!
YOU BETTER ATTEND CLUB ACTIVITIES SERIOUSLY FOR THE NEXT MONTH.
I WON'T LET YOU REST.
UNTIL YOU GUYS FULLY LEARN THE KOTO,
WHO KNEW THAT THESE KINDS OF PEOPLE WOULD JOIN?
You're so annoying!
Chika, tell me I'm dreaming!
Waah
At least we don't have to worry about insufficient members.
The new and full of uncertainties koto club
can finally begin.
CONGRATS ON JOINING!

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